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WHITEAWAY'S

YUGO-SLAVIANS START OPERATIONS AGAINST ITALIANS IN ALBANIA

Germans Fail To Break Through Greek Defences

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, APR. 7 (UP).—THE ANKARA RADIO ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT YUGO-SLAV TROOPS HAVE COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON THE YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIA BORDER.

IT IS REPORTED FROM THE GREECE-BULGARIAN FRONTIER THAT DESPITE HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS, THE GERMANS HAVE NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THROUGH THE GREEK DEFENCES.

WELL PLANNED RETREAT

British Tactics in Cirenaica

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day stated that British troops are in contact with the enemy in the Gebel-Akhdar region, outside of Benghazi. The British are engaged in a "well planned and orderly withdrawal" and are not retiring under pressure.

It is understood that the Yugo-Slavs are successfully resisting the German attacks and an unconfirmed report says they have captured a dozen German tanks.

Military observers regarded the situation as very satisfactory.

BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANCES

BERLIN, Apr. 7 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the German troops on the Serbian-Greek frontier are continually advancing. Resistance of enemy fortified positions was overcome after a fierce battle.

Croats to Break Away?

ROME, Apr. 7 (UP).—M. Ante Pavelic, former Chairman of the Yugo-Slavian Senate and now head of the Croat National Movement, has wired to Mussolini stating that various Croatian Nationalists will fight with the Italian troops against Yugo-Slavia. He proclaimed an "independent Croat state."

New Military Measure

ROME, Apr. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that until further notice, Italy and Germany will close down all communications with the outside world between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. nightly as a military measure.

Government Moves

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav Government with General Simovich has gone to Branic and Catak, sixty miles south of Belgrade, claims the German radio, quoting as authority the Sofia correspondent of an Italian newspaper.

RUMANIA PROTESTS

Alleged Bombing By Yugo-Slavs

BUCHAREST, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—It is confirmed here that Rumania has protested to Yugo-Slavia against alleged attacks by Yugo-Slav aircraft on three Rumanian towns.

An official communique announcing this step says: "Although the Rumanian Government has not committed Rumania in any way in the hostilities with Yugo-Slavia, on whose territory Rumania has Rumanian nationals to defend, the Yugo-Slav Air Force bombed Rumanian territory on April 6 at Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara, killing three people, injuring three others and causing some damage."

Formal Protest

"The Rumanian Government has addressed a formal protest to the Yugo-Slav Government. General Antonescu assures the population that all measures for maintaining security and order have been taken. Such grave and disloyal actions can in no way upset the conduct of the Rumanian Government. That, however, does not mean that anyone has the liberty to harm the honour and rights of Rumania."

Absence of Confirmation

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The reports of bombing of towns in Bulgaria and Rumania by Yugo-Slav planes emanate from Axis or Axis-controlled countries, it is pointed out in London, and in the absence of any confirmation from the British press of Yugo-Slav sources, they should be received with the utmost reserve.

NAZI AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Two German aircraft were destroyed by British fighters, one off the Suffolk coast and the other near Cap Gris Nez to-day, says the Air Ministry. There has been little activity over Britain. No bombs were dropped on land.

R. A. F. Raids In Near East

Transport Punished

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—British aircraft made heavy attacks on Italian and German transport in the region of Agheila in Cirenaica on Saturday night.

Before Addis Ababa was captured, South African bombers made a nearby aerodrome unserviceable to the enemy.

In an attack carried out on Saturday, says a Middle East communique, five Italian Savoia machines and three Capronis were burnt out and a number of others were badly damaged.

On Sunday enemy aircraft at Kombecha near Dessie were destroyed and a number of others severely damaged.

In Eritrea, Free French aircraft continued to give active support to advancing troops.

The aerodrome at Calato on the island of Rhodes was raided on Saturday night.

U. S. Strike Postponed

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The strike in the United States Corporation mills, announced for mid-night to-morrow, has been called off.

Both sides have agreed to continue negotiations on the men's demand for a wage increase.

German Parachutists Land in Macedonia

ATHENS, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Parachutists and propaganda leaflets were dropped in Macedonia yesterday, stated an official spokesman to-night. A number of parachutists had been captured, he said.

The leaflets dropped by the German pilots professed German friendship for the Greek people "whom they wished to preserve from the horrors of war."

"The main German thrust," added the Greek spokesman, "is at Belles and along the Struma Valley, but all along the frontier, from Belles to the divisions stationed in the Balkan area, our army was confronting another aggressor."

ITALIAN LOSSES

Quarter Million Men Out of War

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Well over a quarter of a million Italians have been taken prisoner, killed or wounded in Africa and Albania, according to an estimate issued here to-day. The total is 283,000, including 140,000 prisoners in Libya; 20,000 in Eritrea and Abyssinia; and 30,000 in Italian Somaliland. The total for Albania is 92,000, including 20,000 prisoners, 20,000 killed and 52,000 wounded.

British casualties in all African fights up to February 23 are estimated at 604 killed and 2,302 other losses.

Matsuoka Interviews Stalin

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, visited the Kremlin this afternoon to resume conversations with M. Stalin and M. Molotov, says a Moscow dispatch to the official German news agency.

Believes In Axis
LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—"My visit has served to strengthen my belief in the victory of the Axis Powers and the successful establishment of a new World Order," says Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a farewell message to the German and Italian people on leaving German territory.

PETAIN FACES CLEAR ISSUES
LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a special appeal for national unity to-day from the Lyons radio, said: "It is a matter of honour for us to do nothing against our former ally. The necessary provisioning of the country imposes a sacred duty on us." Admiral Darlan has my entire confidence. The Government has no other choice to defend but that of France and there is no other manner of being faithful to France but by standing by the Government.



For Use Against The Germans

When British mechanised material and troops arrived on Greek soil recently they received a very warm welcome from the inhabitants, as this picture testifies. These men and machines may even now be in action against the Nazis in the Struma Valley, where the main German assault on Greece has been launched.

British Budget Brings New Tax Paying Class: Less Spending

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the income tax rate would be increased to ten shillings in the pound.

The House of Commons was well-filled for Sir Kingsley's Budget Speech, and the Chancellor was cheered when he entered the House. A number of peers and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, were present.

R. A. F. Bomb Sofia: Belgrade Avenged

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The R. A. F. quickly replied to the German air attack on Belgrade by bombing German military concentrations at Sofia last night, says a Middle East communique.

WE BREAK WITH HUNGARY

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The British Government have decided to withdraw their mission from Budapest, "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns.

The instruction to the British Minister, Mr. Owen O'Malley to withdraw the mission is being given in consequence of the fact that Hungary has now become a base for operations against the Allies.

"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent understands that M. Barcz, the Hungarian Minister, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon and was informed of the decision taken by the British Government.

Appeal To Duce

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The new Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr. Laslo de Bardossy, has sent a telegram to Mussolini, asking for his "precious support" in the task that he has undertaken. It is stated in Rome.

German Ships Scuttled

TORONTO, Apr. 7 (UP).—The Minister of Navy, Mr. Angus Macdonald, to-day announced that a Canadian cruiser had intercepted two unnamed German steamers off the Pacific coast of South America. The vessels of 8,000 and 15,000 tons respectively. Both ships scuttled themselves.

A station and marshalling yards, railway junction, warehouses, motor transports and a large factory were heavily bombed. There were many explosions and one very large fire and several smaller ones.

In one case, trucks were seen to be hurled into the air. After carrying out their bombing attack, the aircraft dived and machine-gunned their objectives and motor transport on the roads in the Struma Valley. Considerable damage was caused.

All the aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to their base.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 7 (UP).—A report from Budapest to the official news agency states that two Yugo-Slav aircraft were shot down.

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The Chancellor said that he would make proposals which would not only enable us to surmount immediate difficulty but would ensure that we continue to maintain our national finances on sound lines so that we would be able, when the time came, to pursue measures of reconstruction and social advance.

The British financial front stood firm and strong. The steps taken to stimulate exports drastically and to reduce non-essential imports certainly had been successful. Our system of exchange control under the mobilisation of dollar securities had enabled us to meet the very heavy drain upon our resources of gold dollars and we now had an assurance, by reason of the great contribution America was making in the Lend Lease Act, that no difficulty in financing purchases from the United States, would hamper the full development of our fighting strength (Cheers).

The control of capital issues in the domestic market had been of great value in securing the best possible conditions for the success of Government loans.

All these measures combined enabled us to borrow at a very low rate **TURN to Page 5, Column Three**

How Addis Ababa Fell To British Forces

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—An official communique states: "On the evening of April 5, our leading troops entered Addis Ababa. The Viceroy and Government had left the city."

"As a result of messages dropped by us on April 1, an envoy from the Viceroy of Italian East Africa flew to our lines on April 3 when conditions were presented to him to ensure the safety of the civil population of Addis Ababa in the event of fighting round the city."

Normal Routine
NAIROBI, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Armoured cars led the British column into Addis Ababa on Saturday. They found the city in charge of the Italian police, who formally surrendered.

The Union Jack now flies over the Palace formerly occupied by the Emperor, Haile Selassie, and the city seems to be very rapidly resuming normal life.

It is now revealed that General Santini, one of the leading Italian commanders, narrowly escaped for the second time being captured. Meanwhile the Duke of Aosta, the Italian Viceroy, and the military chiefs and forces accompanying him are reported to be making their way to the north.

Zimbabwe Occupied
KHARTOUM, Apr. 7 (UP).—The British have occupied Zimbabwe on the road towards Malindi in the south-western corner of Abyssinia.

Yugo-Slavs Take Italian Ports

NEW YORK, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Columbia Broadcasting Company, quoting an Ankara report, the Yugo-Slavs are said to have occupied Fiume, which is in northeast Italy. Italian ports on the Dalmatian coast, and Scutari in Albania.

Using every modern mechanical weapon of war, however, they did not effect a passage. Greek soldiers on the German front, continued the spokesman, withstood heavy artillery fire and destroyed incoming tanks and counter-attacks.

The Greeks brought down six German planes without suffering any losses in planes themselves.

In Albania, he concluded, the Duce's army was inactive, evidently expecting to gather the fruit of other peoples' labours.

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Sergeants' Bomber Raffle

A raffle organised by C.S.M. R. A. Edwards in aid of the Bomber Fund, was drawn by Col. H. B. Rose, M.C., on Saturday, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Sergeants' Mess, H.K.V.D.C.

The raffle realised a sum of \$1,740, and the prize-winning numbers were as follows:—223 44 1121 720 122 831 706 1080 121 1080 856 1423 209 1753 1094 1522 202 046 1038 205 1073 1418 851 526 233 075 1330 267 939 554.

On presentation of winning tickets, prizes can be collected from the Sergeants' Mess, Volunteer Headquarters. The thanks of the President and members are due to the following firms who so kindly donated the prizes:—Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. Gilman & Co., A. S. Watson & Co., Caldwell Macgregor & Co., Wing On Co., Harry Wicking & Co., Geo. Fulconer & Co., Mackintosh's Ltd., British American Tobacco Co., the Asia Coy., the Grand Magasin General, and Ye Olde Printerie.

"At Home" in New Premises. Members of the Sergeants' Mess, H.K.V.D.C. are asked to note that the new premises will be formally declared open by the Commandant at 6.30 p.m. to-day, when the members will be "At Home" to their friends.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 11th, 12th and 14th April, 1941. (Easter Holidays).
Hongkong, 7th April, 1941.

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Trinity College Dublin Dinner

The annual dinner of the alumni of Trinity College Dublin was held last Thursday in the Gloucester Hotel, when the following were present:

Mr B. H. C. Hallows (in the Chair), Dr P. I. Chan, Mr A. C. Clarke, Mr W. J. H. Cooke, Dr G. V. A. Griffith, Dr E. W. R. Hackett, Mr G. T. Lowry, Mr H. C. Macnamara, Mr J. P. Murphy, Surgt. Lieut. Cmdr J. A. Page, R. N., the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, the Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, Mr G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, Mr W. La B. Sparrow, Mr E. G. Stewart and His Honour Mr Justice Williams.

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 The Orchestra Raymonde and Tino Rossi (Tenor).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 A Variety Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—'Britain Speaks'.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Falapo.

1. Saxo Rhapsody (Eric Coates); 2. The Duchess Valse Caprice (R. H. Duke Ruhl).

8.20 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Suite Orientale (Poppy); Amoret-tantunza—Waltz (Gung'l).

8.34 Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

9.30 Compositions of Schumann.

Papillons, Op. 2.... Alfred Cortot (Piano); The Lotus Flower.... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Caravall—Ballet Music.... London Ballet Orchestra; The Two Grenadiers.... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; Traumerel.... Massed Orchestra of Cellos.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 Gounod's "Faust"—Acts IV and V.

Characters and Solists in order of appearance: Marguerite, Miriam Licette (Soprano); Mephistopheles, Robert Easton (Bass); Siebel, Doris Vane (Soprano); Valentine, Harold Williams (Baritone); Faust, Heddle Nash (Tenor) with The B.B.C. Choir and Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 Close Down.

Sarawak Squabbles

Bertram Brooke As Rajah's Heir

Singapore, Apr. 7. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, announced to-day that he had informed the Supreme Council on the centenary of the Brook regime on March 31, that he had nominated his brother Bertram as his heir. He also announced the formation of a Legislative Council and divested himself of absolute legislative power.—United Press.

The Government of Sarawak was obtained in 1841 from the Sultan of Brunei by Sir James Brooke, who was succeeded as Rajah of Sarawak by his nephew, Charles, father of the present Rajah.

The present Rajah has no sons but three daughters and the question of his heir has been given publicity in recent years. His nephew Anthony (son of Bertram) was nominated heir but shortly after his marriage in 1939 to Miss Kathleen Hudson, the Rajah deprived him of his title, declaring he was not yet fitted to exercise the responsibilities of his high position. Anthony Brooke, who was then in Greece, went to Britain to take up war work but returned to Sarawak in January this year to resume his official duties.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Dealings were reported on a moderate scale mainly amongst the lower price issues. Pending some clarification of the latest War news buyers are adopting a cautious attitude.

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,355
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-Chinese (Pref.) \$80
Wharves \$83
Humphreys \$6.80
Dairy Farms \$17.25
Entertainments \$9.50
Sales
Unions Ins. \$430
H.K. Steamboats \$8.25
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8-Noon 8-10 a.m. 8-Noon

Kowloon G.P.O. 8-Noon 8-10 a.m. 8-Noon

Sheungwan Branch P.O. 8-10 a.m. 8-9 a.m. 8-10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. Friday, 11th April, 10.00 a.m. Saturday, 12th April, 11.30 a.m. Monday, 14th April. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai-po and Un-Lung.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien, Amoy and Kiangsu, Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (complete Mail) by Sea from Singapore Apr. 8.

Saloon Apr. 8.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 2nd April Apr. 9.

Canton Apr. 9.

Java and Manila Apr. 9.

Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (Australia only) by Sea from Singapore Apr. 10.

Rangoon Apr. 11.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March) Apr. 11.

Canton Apr. 12.

Australia and Manila Apr. 14.

Japan and Manila Apr. 14.

Rangoon and Straits Apr. 14.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th April Apr. 15.

Calcutta and Straits Apr. 15.

Rangoon and Straits Apr. 16.

United-Kingdom and Straits Apr. 18.

U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th March) Apr. 19.

Calcutta and Straits Apr. 20.

United-Kingdom and Straits Apr. 20.

Australia and Manila Apr. 22.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 1 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 8

Hiphong Apr. 8.

Wednesday, April 9

Sandakan 1.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" K.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 9, 5 p.m.

Ord. Apr. 9, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O. Apr. 9, 5 p.m.

Reg. Apr. 9, 7 p.m.

Ord. Apr. 9, 7 p.m.

Canton Apr. 9, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

Rangoon and Calcutta Apr. 10, 3.30 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Manila, Macassar and Soerabaya Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.

Sandakan Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore, to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 11, 10.30 a.m.

Ord. Apr. 11, 11.00 a.m.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 11, 11.30 a.m.

Ord. Apr. 11, 12.00 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Apr. 12, Noon.

Saturday, April 12

Canton Apr. 12, 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

Sandakan, Rabaul, Tulagi, Madang and Salamaua Apr. 13, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 14

Air Mail by sea to Singapore, to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 14, 9.30 a.m.

Ord. Apr. 14, 10.00 a.m.

G.P.O. Apr. 14, 9.30 a.m.

Reg. Apr. 14, 10.00 a.m.

Ord. Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco K.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 14, 11.30 a.m.

Ord. Apr. 14, 12.00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Formosa, Shanghai and Dairen Apr. 15, 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" K.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 15, 5 p.m.

Ord. Apr. 15, 5.30 p.m.

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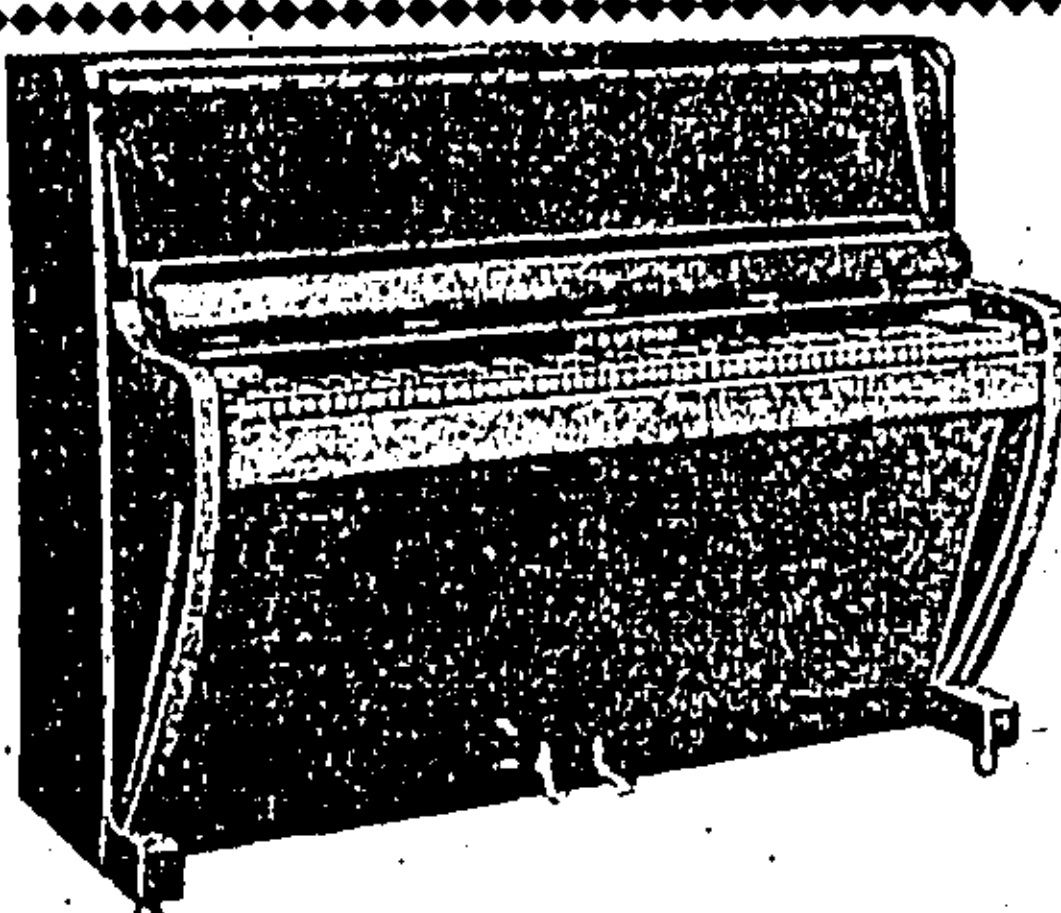
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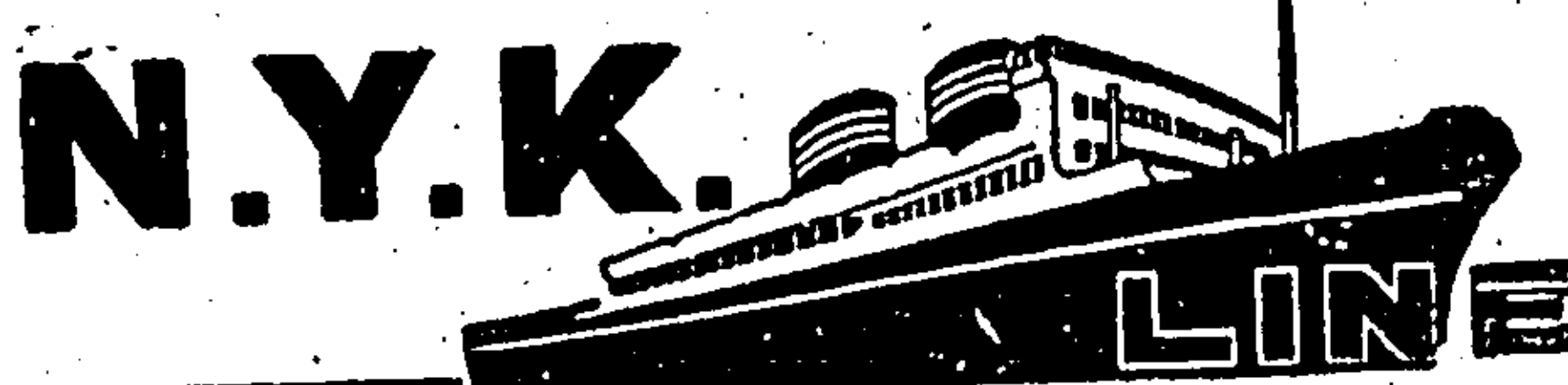
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PARACHUTISTS

THOSE who have already been worried about the possibility of the Germans using the British uniforms which they captured before Dunkirk for the disguise of parachutists to be planted on this country, will not be reassured by the reply given recently to a question in the House of Commons.

The War Secretary indicated that efforts have been made to get supplies of battle dress and greatcoats through to our prisoners of war in Germany, but he could not give an assurance that they had reached or would reach those for whom they are intended.

At first glance it might seem foolish to send these uniforms into Germany and present the Nazis with a temptation they could not resist. It can be assumed, however, that if the Nazis wanted British uniforms as a means of facilitating invasion, they would have no great difficulty in manufacturing passable imitations. Their genius in ersatz production is well known, and the copying of a uniform—any uniform—and its manufacture in bulk, would seem to present no insuperable difficulty.

It would be much more to the point if we set about devising means whereby the identity of possible German invaders in British uniforms could be readily established. Britain's defence plans, so complete otherwise, should not be deficient in this.

THE NEW ETHIOPIA

It was appropriate that the announcement concerning the attitude of the British Government to the future of Ethiopia should have been made by Mr Eden, who has so consistently striven through recent years of international difficulty to maintain the rights of the Emperor and his people in the face of Italian aggression.

The statement should remove all doubts. Britain has no territorial designs on Abyssinia, but intends to free the country from the invader, Haile Selassie, for his part, is anxious that when restored to the throne he should have the advice and guidance of progressive countries in developing the destinies of his people.

The Emperor is known to have been working for the abolition of slavery in his dominions before the Italian aggression. When the country is freed it will enter upon a new life. There will be difficulties, when so much intractable human material has to be dealt with. But Ethiopia must be guarded against retrogression.

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir DOUGLAS BROWNRIGG

An Expert Sums Up Operations

Threefold Campaign In the Middle East

Events in Africa have moved with such rapidity that it is wise to take a quick survey of the present situation in the Middle East, so as to be able to follow future operations more connectedly.

Forces of the British Empire are facing Italian Forces on three widely separated fronts in Africa, all three being under the supreme command of General Sir Archibald Wavell.

A Free French Force is operating against the Italians in South West Tripoli, but there seems no reason to suppose that this operation forms any part of Sir Archibald Wavell's plan. Its

any serious danger from the Italian forces on parts of Italian or German air attack. The second group under General Wavell consists of the British troops in the Sudan under the command of Major-General W. Platt. These forces are operating in 1,500 miles from the Mediterranean in an easterly direction, one column along the railway from Biscia to the Red Sea port of Massawa, and the other from quires emphasis. Without Metemma towards the heart of Abyssinia. These two columns are operating about 200 miles apart. To give some idea of the distances over which these African operations are taking place it is interesting to note that General Platt's headquarters are over 1,000 miles from General Wavell's headquarters in Cairo.

The second point of extreme interest and importance, the value of sea power, hardly requires emphasis. Without command of the ocean routes our troops in Africa could not be kept supplied with the munitions of war, nearly all of which have to come to the different parts of Africa by sea from the United Kingdom.

But pride in the power of this achievement should be accompanied by a warning. Every subsidiary theatre of war is a drain on the home front. The

An approximate estimate of the Italian Forces in Italy's East African Empire is 250,000 (about the same strength as the Libyan army with which Graziani began his ill-fated campaign). These forces are made up of 50,000 tribal levies, 100,000 metropolitan troops and blackshirts, and 100,000 native troops.

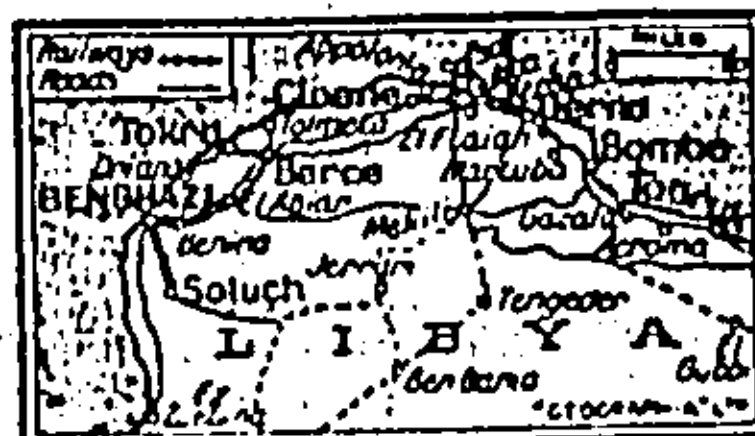
The third group consists of the British Forces in East Africa under Major-General A. Cunningham. These troops are operating in a northerly direction from the Kenya border against the Italian troops in Abyssinia.

The enemy consist of a part of the 250,000 mentioned above. Under his command General Cunningham has troops brought from South and from West Africa as well as those ordinarily situated in East Africa.

There is a fourth British force in Palestine, under General Wavell's command, but this is not yet actively engaged against an enemy.

At the moment there are two points of outstanding military interest. First, the advantage accruing to General Wavell through operating on interior lines; second, the vital importance of the command of the sea.

General Wavell at Cairo is in the middle of a vast circle with

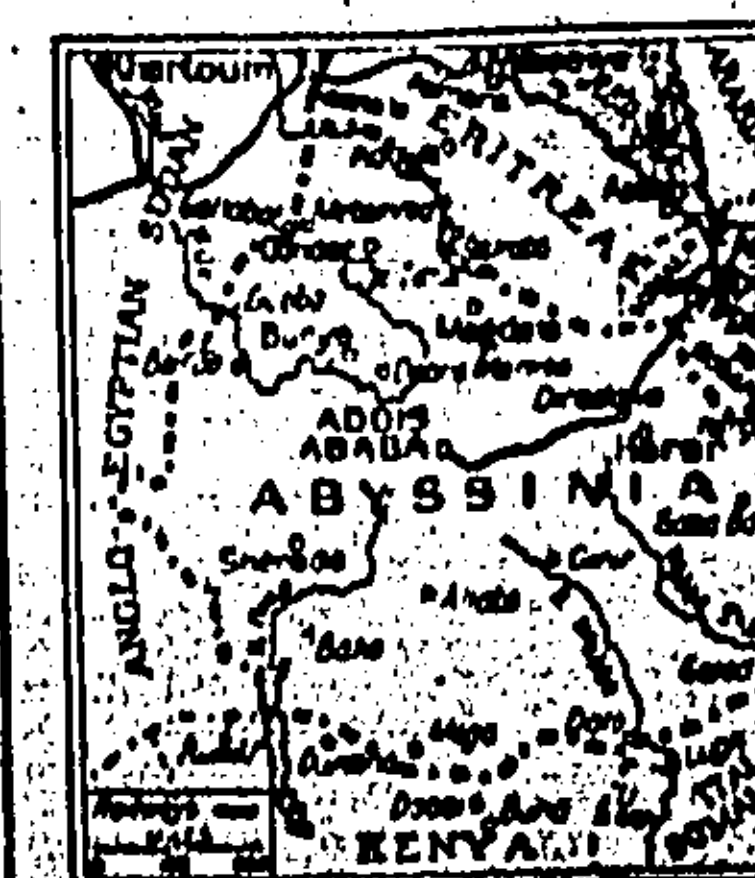


chief importance lies in the fact that French forces in Africa are ready and eager for active participation against the common enemy.

First of the four groups into which General Wavell's forces are divided is the Army of the Nile, under Lieut.-General Sir Maitland Wilson. Within this command is the Western Desert Force, under Major-General O'Connor, which has to its credit the defeat in detail of the Italian forces met successively at Sidi Barrani, Bardia, Tobruk, Derna and Benghazi. Against the Western Desert Force Graziani is supposed to have mustered 250,000 men, half of whom are now prisoners of war in our hands.

The Western Desert Force has been altered in composition as fighting has progressed, and at one time or another has comprised British, Dominion, and Indian troops, with a spear-head of armoured formations.

The destruction of the enemy's army in the field is naturally the immediate military object in Libya, but apart from this, the occupation of the whole of the Province of Cyrenaica will have the great strategic importance of freeing Egypt and the Suez Canal from



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CHAPTER II

THE young man continued earnestly: "I saw you first on the dock at Southampton! How sad those people were when they said goodbye to you! I was sad for them, I don't know why! That little girl, how bitterly she wept!"

"I'd been her governess for five years!"

When the lonely traveller was about to leave the awaying deck and go inside, the stranger implored her to stay with such bluff honesty that she hadn't the heart to refuse.

"I'm an American," he went on, "from Massachusetts. My name is Field—Henry Field—there's a Martin in the middle. Oh, yes, and a Reverend in front. I'm not a half-bred minister, yet."

She liked him in spite of herself, though when the boat docked she said goodbye without consenting to give him her name, and walked away as impersonally as though they'd never met, leaving him deeply perplexed.

Having reached the imposing home of the Duke and Duchesse de Prasins to whom she had letters of introduction—the governess followed the liveried servant along many shadowy corridors, passing on the way the chilling Abbe Gallard in the black robes of his calling. She was finally ushered into a vast chamber where, swathed in silks and laces, on a chaise longue which had been drawn close to the feeble fire, reposed the languid and vitriolic Madame la Duchesse.

The Duke, a handsome man, who had evidently again come out second in a wordy encounter with his exasperating spouse, soon saw that it was not to ignore the newcomer, and spoke in her place.

"We require a governess, Mile. Desportes," he began, agreeably. "To take full charge of the children. I trust you will find them quite a handful. The three girls are at the awkward ages between seven and eleven. Then there's a boy who was born some years ago, a strangely tender. Raymond's name is—he's not quite four—a bright little fellow—but his health is his sufferer. The Duke's eyes, sighed the Duchesse, gazing at her husband accusingly, "For years before he was born I was made ill and unhappy and he will always bear the marks of my suffering!"

The Duke gave the fire an impatient flick and at the moment, Mme. Mallard, whose place the children had taken to fill, arrived. The Duke's eyes, sighed the Duchesse, gazing at her husband accusingly, "For years before he was born I was made ill and unhappy and he will always bear the marks of my suffering!"

The Duchesse put her bony, jewelled hands to her head. "For heaven's sake, Mallard," she cried, "let him give it to this new person! And take the children out of them! When they were gone she turned to her husband with narrowed eyes. "Everyone in this house knows," she cried maniacally, "how you delight in humiliating me!" (To be continued (to-morrow))

WAVELL

A portrait in miniature

GENERAL WAVELL'S desert victory has been due to the manner in which the men under him performed, to the collaboration of Britain's two other arms, the Navy and Air Force—and to the fact that "we had luck."

But every one in Egypt is talking about Wavell's genius as a general, with had them hide there by day and imagine a slung tanks followed by infantry as enough to put on Nibeiwa in the same manner seizing breathless during them to use against the enemy. The trainer of General Wavell followed up the first troops who built thrust with a crescendo of blows so up the army that rapidly the enemy was still be chased the Italian surprised the day after the drive

in less than a week. In his biography of Allenby, General Wavell wrote: "The great war saw the virtual passing from the battlefield of cavalry arms, though it is hoped, of the cavalry spirit, which will still find expression in the controlling and exploiting the mobility of armoured vehicles."

The Army had no command of the Navy or Air Force to do anything. He can only ask: General Wavell has always been alive to the necessity of having the most advanced equipment, has always been fully appreciative of the importance of the sea and air arms, and gets along well with Admiral Cunningham and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore. His experience with Allenby's campaign in the last war was a mark on him which is very evident at present. There are striking similarities between Allenby's campaign and General Wavell's. Allenby's plan hinged on taking the



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FREE FRENCH

May Fight In Balkans

ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, declared in an interview that he might go to the Balkans.

After lunching aboard the British battleship Warspite, he said: "I have reason to hope that Free France will participate in the battle in the Balkans and it is possible that I may go there. Frankly, I believe that the German effort in the Balkans will be considerable and formidable in every way, but I remain convinced that the Balkan countries, which have chosen to resist, will not regret it."

BRITISH BUDGET

FROM PAGE ONE

of interest, averaging below two per cent.
"We have no intention of borrowing on worse terms as the war proceeds. We shall hope to improve upon them." (Cheers)

Post War Debt
All this meant that the aggravation of our post-war financial problem by the burden of the War Debt, though it was bound to be grievous, would be correspondingly less and we should also avoid the evils incurred after 1918 of starting a period post-war expansion and recovery with a rate of interest which, in the long run, was so embarrassing and often crushing to the borrower. The maintenance of a low rate of interest would do much to ease the financial problem of rebuilding our cities after the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood added that we had taken many steps to eliminate war taxation.
Referring to the "many difficulties and problems inherent in the most expensive war in history," the Chancellor remarked that the danger we had to control was that of being flooded out by a torrent of excess purchasing power fed by the spring of wartime government expenditure. That was the function of finance.
A solution of the problem would be impossible unless it was eased by withholding a substantial part of the surplus purchasing power through the instrument of taxation.

Free Gifts
Dealing with details of last year's account, the Chancellor thanked the tax-payers who had responded so readily to his appeal for prompt payment of taxes and also those at home and overseas who had patriotically helped with a steady flow of free gifts to the Exchequer and to aircraft production.
The purchase tax yielded some £26,000,000. Its administration had worked quite smoothly.
Towards the total expenditure of £3,094,000,000, we received a total revenue of £1,400,000,000, leaving a deficiency of £2,475,000,000 to be found by other means.

A net sum of £2,462,000,000 was borrowed during the year.
The hard and severe financial measures brought benefits because they avoided, for the mass of the people, the evil effects of unchecked inflation.
Hitherto, increases in taxation had not fallen short of the necessities of the case. There had been no inflationary dangers in our system up to the present.

Lease & Lend Act
Referring to the future, the Chancellor said that a new and important factor was introduced by the Lease and Lend Act. He could not estimate the value of supplies to be received from the United States.
He estimated the vote credit required, excluding supplies from and payments to the United States, at £3,500,000,000.

The estimated total expenditure was £4,207,000,000. The estimated yield in income tax for the current year was £605,000,000 (an increase of £81,000,000), a surtax of £80,000,000, death duties of £82,000,000, stamp duties of £14,000,000, excess profits tax of £210,000,000.
The total estimate of inland revenue; duties on the existing basis of taxation, of £992,000,000; Customs and excise of £278,000,000; and purchase tax of £70,000,000.

The total estimated revenue for 1940-41 on the existing basis of taxation was £1,636,000,000.
The hops tax was renewed for a further four years, the medicine and stamp duties repealed from September 2 and new medicine and stamp duties legislation would be introduced.

Allowances
The Finance Bill includes a clause providing for the purposes of income tax and national defence contributions a similar allowance to that provided for the purpose of the excess profits tax in respect of losses incurred in providing additional buildings, plant and machinery for the war effort.
The Chancellor foreshadowed a modification of the excess profits tax but could not now afford any considerable changes. Part of the tax would be held by the Exchequer to be made available to industry at the end of the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood estimated that private savings for the current year totalled £1,000,000,000 in addition to £1,636,000,000 from revenue. He estimated that domestic expenditure would be £3,700,000,000, leaving a gap of £500,000,000 to be filled.
The Exchequer would bear a considerably increased burden to prevent an increase in the cost of living, including an increase in the shipping rates and insurance.
The policy of stabilising prices

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham Inspects Chinese Sappers

An inspection of the Chinese Sappers was made by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Far East, at the Murray Parade Ground this morning.

Sir Robert arrived on the ground accompanied by Major-General A. E. Graetz, G.O.C., and others present included Brigadier A. Peffer, Colonel E. H. M. Clifford, Lieut-Col R. G. Lamb, Captain H. C. Cartwright-Taylor and Major R. E. Moody.
Captain C. E. Otway was in charge of the parade, which comprised 113 men.

After the men had been put through their paces, they marched past with Sir Robert taking the salute. A hollow square was then formed, and Sir Robert congratulated the men on their excellent display.

Sir Robert recalled the fact that he had heard a very long time ago that Chinese were joining the Royal Engineers, and he had been very glad to hear of it. He was sure that the men would carry on the tradition of loyalty and service in peace or in war—a tradition established by their predecessors. Sir Robert concluded by wishing the Corps the very best of luck.

Suez Canal Objective

Ultimate Nazi Aim

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—A suggestion that the German offensive in the Balkans is ultimately aimed at the Suez Canal is made by the "Stockholm Tidningen," whose military correspondent says that although the Germans were fully prepared for an attack on Greece they had probably not completed preparations for an attack on Yugoslavia.

They are thus likely to seek to prevent the massing of troops by Yugoslavia by violent air operations while completing their own troop concentrations.

The military correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" believes that the German offensive was hastened by the uncertainty of Turkey's attitude and British landings in Greece.
The correspondent expects that the Germans will first exert all efforts to prevent British, Greek and Yugoslav forces from joining up while engaging the Yugoslavs to prevent them from attacking the Italians in Albania.

BRAZIL TO ACT FOR ITALY

VICHY, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Brazil has been asked to take care of Italy's interests in Yugoslavia according to a Rio de Janeiro telegram.

The scheme included coal, gas and electricity charges. The aim was to hold wages about where they are now.

New Savings
Turning to the question of filling the £500,000 gap, Sir Kingsley Wood said that he needed a still greater sum from genuine new savings and urged the people to spend as little as possible and to lend as much as possible.

New private savings were estimated to produce between £200,000,000 and £300,000,000.

The new taxation was estimated to produce £205,000,000 in a full year. The income tax rate would be increased by 18d. to 10s.

The 5s. rate on the lower scale would be increased to 6s. 6d.
On the largest incomes, the income tax and super tax would be 19s. 6d. in the pound.

The income tax yield this year would be £200,000,000, in a full year £125,000,000.

Exemption Limit
The earned income allowance deduction, now one-sixth, would be one-tenth. Personal allowance, of £170 for a married person would be reduced to £140.

The exemption limit for income tax would be £110 instead of £120. This would increase the number of income tax payers by over 2,000,000.
The extra tax any individual paid by reason of the reduction of personal allowance and earned income allowance would be off-set after the war by credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole income tax proposals would produce £150,000,000 this year and in a full year £250,000,000, half of which would be treated as credit. A full year would produce £1,000,000,000 from taxation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Macao Racing

Sir,—Being an ardent follower of the "King of Sports" I was terribly disappointed, and I am sure a vast majority of racegoers share my opinion equally, as far as Sunday's racing is concerned: it was a complete flop.

The Stewards have themselves to blame for disallowing some of our young jockeys to participate in the meet with the result that out of the six events on the card, five went out with only three starters; punters rely only on hot favourites, leaving no money to cash in, not mentioning the trouble and expense of journeying down all the way from Hongkong, leave off enough those jockeys who went down for nothing.

Good racing could have been the order of the day had the Stewards allowed those keen riders to participate: there are enough ponies to make the events interesting, and the excuse of preventing "accidents" is not good for the riders themselves are quite aware that neither the Club nor the Stewards are liable to be responsible for them; such was evident when it is the first time that all riders were made to sign a declaration before weighing out.

Unless this matter is adjusted, racing in Macao will go on the downward grade, and I doubt the racing fans will go down for the next meeting.

Home Soccer Fixtures For April 12

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for April 12:

Fourth Round
Tottenham v. Arsenal; Newcastle v. Sheffield U.

LONDON CUP
Aldershot v. Brentford; Crystal Pal. v. Queen's P. R.; Fulham v. Chelsea; Westham v. Clapton O.

LEAGUE, SOUTH
Bournemouth v. Southampton; Luton v. Brighton; Southern v. Portsmouth; Watford v. Norwich.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Northampton v. West Brom; Reading v. Millwall; Notts F. v. Notts C.

NORTH REGIONAL
Barnsley v. Huddersfield; Blackburn v. Bury; Blackpool v. Liverpool; Burnley v. Bolton; Chester v. Wrexham; Halifax v. Doncaster.

MIDLAND CUP
Semi-final
Lincoln v. Leicester.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Aberion v. Hearts; Clyde v. Celtic; Hamilton v. Rangers; Hibernian v. Airdrie; Motherwell v. Falkirk; Queen's Park v. Third Lanark.

Football
REST XI CHOSEN TO PLAY CHAMPIONS

The following have been selected to represent the Rest against South China, Champions of the First Division of the Football League, at Carline Hill on Monday next at 4 p.m.: Barker (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex); Hau King-shing (Eastern); Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club); Fung King-cheng (Sing Tao); Hendy (Navy); Barber (Navy); Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: Lapsley and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fraser (Royal Scots); Bright (Middlesex); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Le Pae (Navy); Howlett and Ferrier (Police) and Rietzen (Club).

Civil Service Team

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior Cricket League match against Police on Saturday, 11. E. Strange (Capt), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, P. D. Crawley, G. Davidson, J. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

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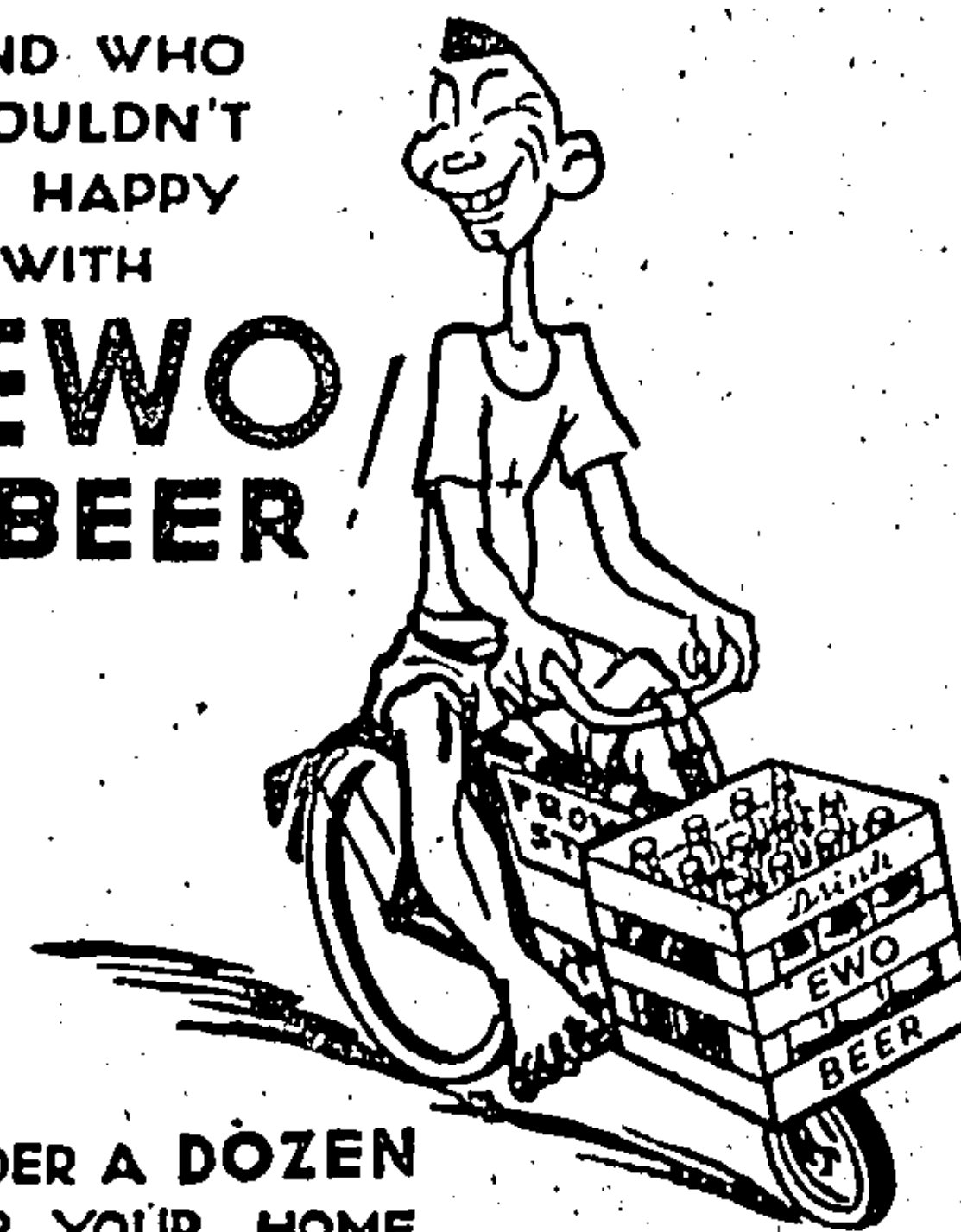
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Kowloon C.C. Win Senior Shield

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University's Late Action

Unless I am very much mistaken, the cricket season for the Senior Division is over. The K.C.C. have won the Shield and no one can deny that they are by far the best side playing in it. And there is one other feature too to my mind, and that is, that there is more executive drive and playing keenness than in any other team. Despite delays, they stuck to it, and there was no messing about.

And that reminds me. I was personally informed by the captain of the C.S.C.C. that the previous week the University requested the Civil Service on Monday, March 24, to confirm in writing if the game on 29/3/41 between the two teams was "on". The C.S. replied in the affirmative. On Friday, March 28, I am told that the University Secretary cancelled the game in writing owing to camp duties. A perfectly sound ground of course, but I do not quite see why these camp duties could not have been foreseen on the previous Monday! One of the immediate results was to upset all the arrangements of the Civil Service first eleven at the last moment. I am not surprised they have decided to cancel their two remaining League Matches, and call the season finished. I should strongly advise them to stop out of the League next season unless there is a very drastic change in the situation.

One must be profoundly thankful that it was possible to play cricket on Saturday last, when it was humid and very hot though not cheerful. The K.C.C. wicket was in its usual excellent condition but a good deal of interest of the game was lost when it was realised that the C.S.C.C. had McLellan away on leave and Griffiths sailing. (It was not his fault in view of the chaotic state of the fixture list), and the C.S. have no reserves to call up. There the K.C.C. have such a pull. They have at least four men quite worth a place in the first though it is amazing how seldom they seem to have to call them up.

The Lucky Spin

Teddy Fincher won the toss—incidentally he tells me he has won the toss in all five league matches—and put the Civil Service in. It all depended on the C.S. making a good start and they did not. After hitting a lovely cover through the covers off the first ball of the match, Richardson was lbw to an inswinger from Lloyd. He thought he was going outside the leg stump but the umpire did not agree. However, he had previously been given not out to a similar ball and Lloyd told me, unless I misunderstood him, that he was more optimistic about his first than his second appeal.

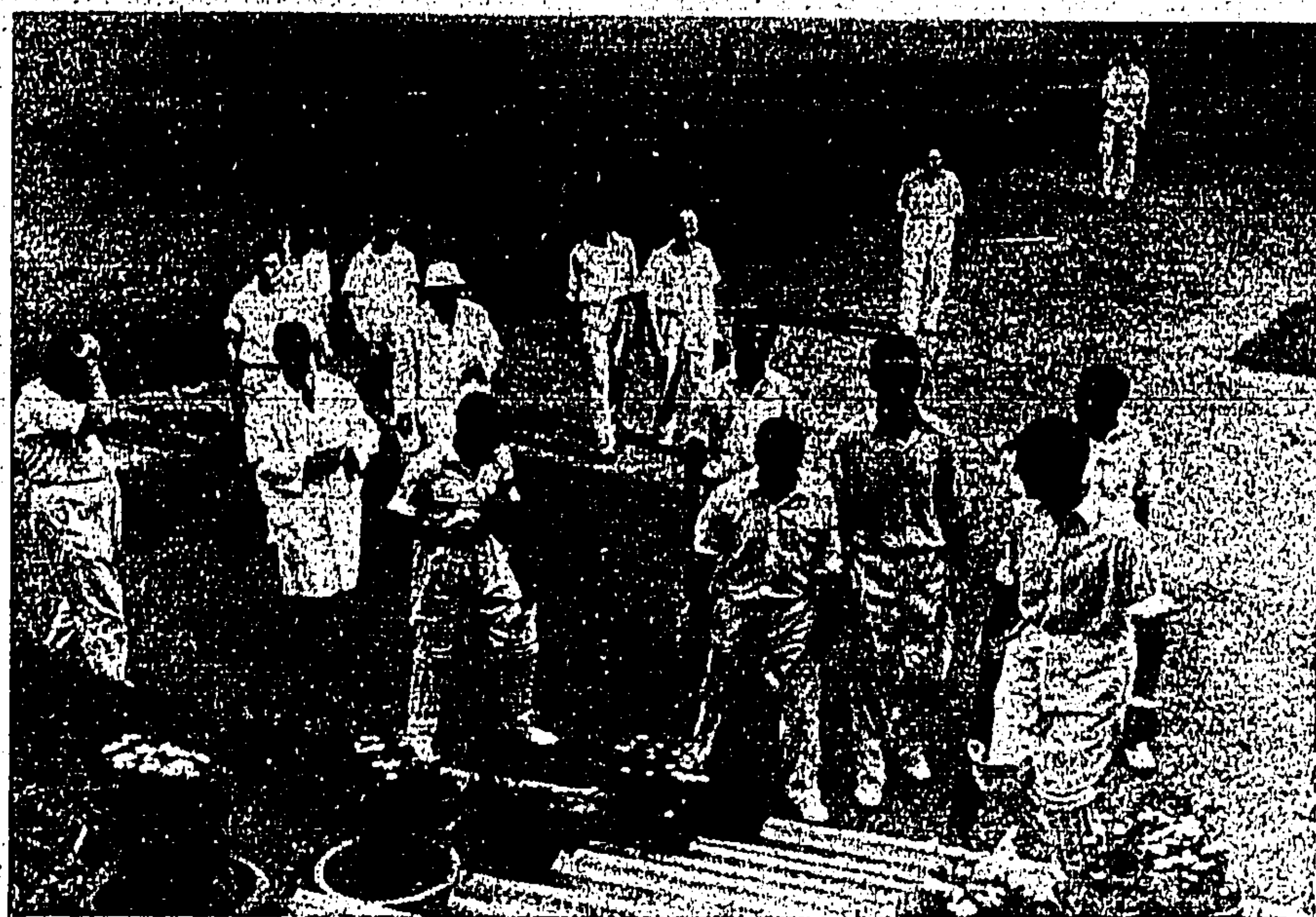
Attwell unfortunately was in his blob, rather than his fifty incarnation, and picked a very good one from Francis Zimmerman who was not, however, bowling in his best form. Lloyd, aided no doubt by the heavy atmosphere, was making the ball swing a lot and bowling well, but it was then that he had a bit of luck which may have changed the fortunes of the match. One ball got mixed up with Perry's pads and in turning to see where it was, the batsman had the misfortune to kick the ball on to his wicket. Had he stopped anything might have happened. Colledge batted better than he has done for a very long time and made 25, while Fortescue who has been dead out of form all the season played an excellent defensive knock, although he only got fifteen. It was left for Hawkins to make top score with a brilliant 27, but no one else did anything.

Excellent Bowling

A total of 94 was not likely to bother the K.C.C. but Baker and Perry bowled very well. Time and again Anderson played at the former and was lucky enough not to touch the ball. Baker might well have had two or three "caught at two wickets" apart from a couple "morally" bowled. Perry bowled excellently with one exception; he has a knack of chucking up his inswinger so that it lands a half volley on the batsman's legs and is a gift for four to leg.

Most of the runs taken off his bowling went almost to exactly the same place, about 10 yards in front of square-leg. I clipped Dicky Richardson after the match for not having moved his long on round to cover this obvious gap, but he told me that Perry wanted to keep long-on where he was as he was trying to get them to lift one there. I think this was unwise with most of the batsmen who were getting runs were hitting to mid wicket, and possibly he should have had two men on the leg side. Admittedly, Anderson was caught at long-on, but it was the only ball that went up there at all.

I am coming to the conclusion that one of the reasons for Perry failing to obtain the figures he should do is that he cannot control his swing, and the moment he sends up a ball on the stumps it goes right away and



Smiling faces on the Civil Service and Kowloon cricketers as they adjourn for the tea during the League match at the K.C.C. on Saturday that gave the home side the Senior Championship.—Ming Yuen.

Tournament Tennis

Rumjahn Cousins In Doubles Semi-finals

THE RUMJAHN COUSINS, S.A. and H.D., entered the semi-finals of the Colony Doubles Tennis Championship at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they beat George Choa and A. V. Remedios in three sets, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2.

This was the only Open match played, and a fair crowd gathered at the Stand Court. On the day's play, the winners deserved their success, though had Choa and Remedios been able to continue their form of the second set, a different story might have been told.

The standard of the opening set was below even that of the League, but in the second, volleys, ducis were brilliant and sustained, and in these Choa was much to the fore. His angled shots and placing when at the net were winners on almost every occasion.

H.D., too, came into his own in this set, for he was inclined to be erratic during the first and final sets. His forehand was not working with the accustomed sting, while his volleys too frequently ended in the net. **Old Combination** BUT the combination of the Cousins was ever present, and this was one of the compensating features. E.A. was steady with his ground shots, and it was a peculiar fact that though Choa was the stronger of the opposing pair, the Rumjahns concentrated on him for the greater part of the game. Remedios was far from settled in the first set, and though he played his part in giving assistance to Choa in the second, his ground shots did not fully work until the final set when he crossed with several fine drives that left the Rumjahns standing.

On each and every occasion, the opposing pairs stormed the net, and on the whole the volleys were far above the volleys of the League.

Choa and Remedios led 4-1 in the second set, and before a determined onslaught by the Rumjahns had to concede three games in a row to level at 4-4. Then 5-4, and finally Choa and Remedios led 6-5. They had two set points and failed with astonishingly weak shots, but with their third set point, Remedios brought off one of his spectacular drives that cut through the opposition for the set.

ANTICIPATIONS of a great struggle in the third set began to dissolve when the Rumjahns took the lead at 3-1. Choa and Remedios won the fifth game, and after several interesting moments of volleys, the opposition to the champions had by now divided considerably, and though Remedios was still working well with his forehand, Choa seemed to have lost touch at the net and the match went to the Rumjahns.

stiffen the bowling, and ought to win the Second Division Shield on their heads. But cricket is a funny game.

Lock Comes Off

The Recoils second have been rather disappointing this year, owing to a lamentable habit of collapsing in the batting line. Before last Saturday's game, they were not at all badly placed as they had won four games out of five, and lost the other. But they could do nothing right as Happy Valley.

Lock (35) and Leonard (38) got together, and collared the bowling and a total of 182 was a pretty useful one. Recoils could not look at it. The only man to score double figures was M. A. Remedios (20) and they were all out for fifty three. A. M. Omar had the excellent figures of 11-4-24-5, while U. M. Omar, Email, and Lam kept the other end going steadily.

League Softball

Champions v. Rest On Easter Monday

(By "Ball Fan")

ELABORATE preparations are well under way to stage the "colossal softball classic" of the year on Easter Monday when two glittering exhibition games will be staged, for local ball fans, in aid of the Chinese War Orphans Relief Association.

In the opening game at 2.30 p.m., the star-studded Wildcats, Colony champions and Southard Shield winners, will appear on the diamond for the first time as titleholders when they tackle an all-star nine picked from the rest of the clubs.

The nightcap at 3.45 p.m. will feature St Joseph's burly ballhawks, senior loop champions, against those irrepressible Mohawks, the team that has everything. The Troquois Tribe were edged out of the championship this year, but are considered by many to be the "team-of-teams" here in South China.

Featuring a dazzling infield combination and a fleet-footed outfield that is the class in local softball circles, the Five Nation tomahawk-wielders are expected to prove before the gashouse faithful their ball playing superiority over Dave Leonard's champion ballhawking Saints.

A capacity crowd is expected to stream into the Kowloon ball park for this all-star charity doubleheader and tickets will probably go on sale late this afternoon.

In connection with this holiday programme, a meeting of the representatives of all softball teams in Hongkong will be held at the Club Lusitano this afternoon at 5 p.m. Club representatives please note.

Golf

Craig Wood Wins Annual Masters Tournament

ATLANTA, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Craig Wood, with an aggregate of 280 for 72 holes, won the Annual Masters Golf Tournament today. Byron Nelson was second with 283, Sam Byrd third with 285, and Ben Hogan fourth with 288. Lawson Little, the present American Open Champion, finished with 290.

Wood's first round of 68 was the best in the Tournament, being six under par.

Captain's Cup At Fanling

Results of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held during the week-end were: Old Course, J. Linaker 85-18-72 (21 entries). New Course, R. M. Wood 87-16-71 (19 entries).

Matches Postponed

The matches in the first round of the women's doubles which were to have been played on Thursday have been postponed until after the Easter holidays, owing to the indisposition of one of the players.

Badminton Championship Matches To-night

MATCHES in the Badminton Championships to-night will be at the Kowloon C.C. and the programme is as follows:

7.45 p.m. N. Smith v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).
8.15 p.m. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chui (Junior Doubles).
8.45 p.m. M. J. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (Senior Doubles).
9.30 p.m. H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (Senior Doubles).

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The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m. The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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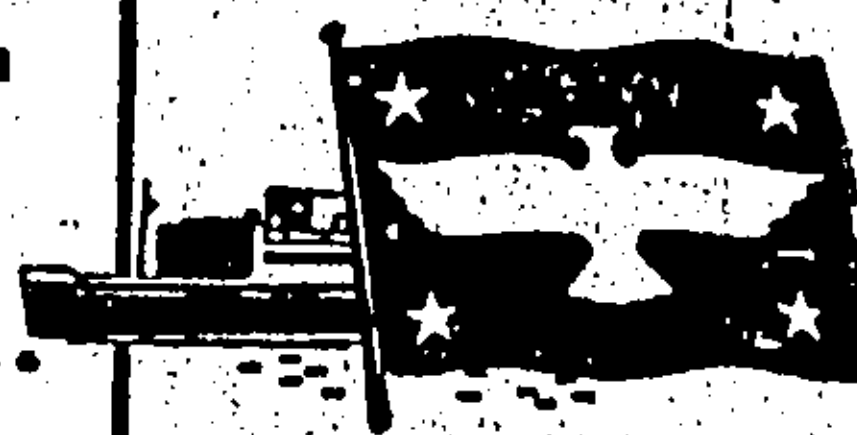
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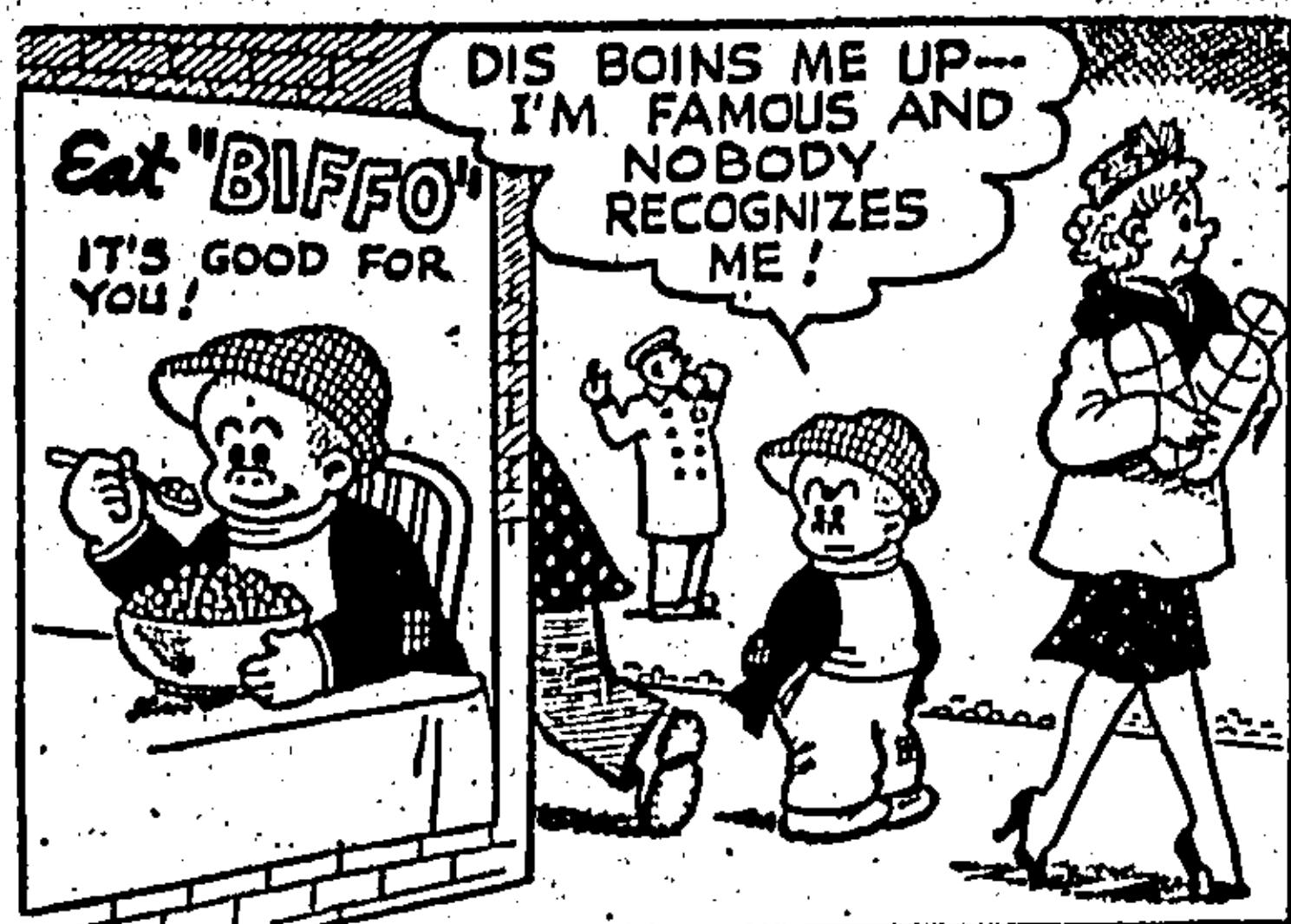
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Prof. Walter Brown (monthly donation)	50

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Previously acknowledged, \$100 and \$500,240.70.

Anonymous, \$20; O. E. Berlin (monthly), \$500; W. J. Knight (monthly), \$100; Quarry Bay Work Party, \$11; V. P. C. (March), \$10; Staff of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. (March), \$70.00; H. Henechend (monthly), \$10; G. Austin (monthly), \$10; W. Hewitt (monthly), \$10; D. J. Valentine (monthly), \$20; sale of four C.I.S.E. badges per Mrs. H. F. Phillips, \$4; Some of the European Staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (March), \$37; Pay, Sub-Lt. W. R. L. Howley (monthly), \$2; G. H. Catherley (monthly), \$20; L. M. Wylie (monthly), \$20; M. F. L. Haynes (monthly), \$10; G. Lyon-Mackenzie (monthly), \$100; Mr and Mrs B. C. Zavada (monthly), \$10; Miss K. M. Anderson (monthly), \$20; Mrs. U. M. Dichen (monthly), \$10; M. Beraha & Co. (monthly), \$25; Mr and Mrs C. G. Alabaster (monthly), \$50; G. C. Woodall (monthly), \$50; R. D. Gillespie (monthly), \$25; A. Mc Alpine (monthly), \$10; E. W. Pudney (March), \$25; E. Wakeham (monthly), \$200; E. Joffe (monthly), \$10; S. A. Kent (monthly), \$10; Mr and Mrs C. M. Hall (monthly), \$50; Some of the

THEOSOPHISTS MEET

Memorial Service Held For Malcolm Manuk

The anniversary of the death of Malcolm Manuk, President-Founder of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, was observed yesterday by a well attended meeting. Mr. J. Russell conducted the meeting.

In tracing the history of the Lodge and the inspiring and magnificent work that had been accomplished by Mr Manuk, Mr Russell said that a little over 18 years ago, Mr Manuk and a few friends founded the Lodge. It was started in a room at the King Edward Hotel and the only members of that Group now in Hongkong were Miss Mary Manuk, sister of Mr Manuk, and Mr H. E. Laneport.

Shortly after this a room was opened on the site where Knyamally Building now stands and from there the Lodge went to rooms supplied by Mr and Mrs Rutonjee in Duddell Street. It was here that Mr Manuk's most interesting and instructive lectures were given, that the meetings of the Star Group were held and where many of the Lodge's lecturers, including Mr Wei Tat, were educated. The Lodge then found rooms where Marina House now stands and it was there that the Lodge suffered its great loss, in 1932. Since then, continued Mr Russell, the Lodge had been struggling to hold its place among the Associations in Hongkong and it had been favoured by the services of many energetic servers, notably Mr and Mrs May, Mr and Mrs J. Parkinson and Dr A. Fung.

Chinese Staff of Holt's Wharf (March), \$2.20; Hongkong Telephone Co. Ltd. \$2,000; John Moodie (April), \$20; J. A. V. Hart Davis (monthly), \$10; Mrs F. M. Deacon (monthly), \$10. Total \$503,702.95.

St. John Ambulance

Inspection By Governor At Causeway Bay

An appeal for more volunteers in the St John Ambulance Brigade was made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, following his inspection of the Brigade on the Naval Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, yesterday.

"There is no service more noble than that which the Order undertakes, especially at such times as these; it is the duty of all good citizens to see to it that such a body as yours is not under strength," said Sir Geoffrey.

Members of the Brigade totalling 850 men and 280 women, presented an impressive spectacle to the large crowd present. Following the inspection, a demonstration consisting of first-aid work of every description was given.

Following the demonstration, a hollow square was formed, and Long Service Medals were presented by Sir Geoffrey to the following:—Amb. Officer Chung Yung-ping, Privates Lo Kam-ting, Fan Kam-fook, Chan Kam-wah, Li Chung, Li Yeung-shum, Lai Chi-ki, Cheng Chung-hang, Luk Kim-hung, Lam Heung-wing, Lau Ynn.

Brigade Trophies were presented to the following Divisions:—

Ralph Shield, Confucian Division. Savage Memorial Cup, Runners-up For Ralph Shield.—Y.M.C.A. Division. Mok Cho-chuen Cup, Y.M.C.A. Division. Lau Chu-pak Duty Cup, Kwong Wah Division. Li Shu-fan Meritorious Service Cup, Mongkok Division.

B.W.O.F. Gymkhana

The activities of the British War Organisation in Hongkong continue unabated. Government House is a hive of industry from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but more workers are urgently required for the essential task of making hospital supplies.

The next item on their programme will be a gymkhana which will take place on the Polo Ground, Kowloon, on Saturday, May 17, under the auspices of the Hongkong Polo Club.

There will be many interesting and amusing events, and the programme will finish with the final of the Die-hard Cup. It is hoped that the community will seize this opportunity of spending a pleasant Saturday afternoon, the proceeds of which will help to augment the funds of the cause which everyone has most at heart.

Should the clerk of the weather prove recalcitrant, the gymkhana will be postponed to Saturday, May 24.

The Hongkong monthly broadcasting report for March states that actual hours of transmission totalled 451 1/4, of which 208 1/4 were devoted to European programmes, 217 to Chinese programmes, and 25 1/4 to Indian programmes.

Holyoak Attendance Cup, K.C.R. Division.

Ho Fook Efficiency Cup, K.C.R. Division.

Ho Kom-long Shield (Nursing), Victoria Nursing Division.

Edith Kottwall Shield (Nursing), King's College Nursing Division.

Woo Wai-tak Duty Cup, South China Athletic Association Nursing Division.

Raymond Cup (F.A.P. Competition—Ambulance), Confucian Division.

Areull Cup (F.A.P. Competition—Nursing), Victoria Nursing Division.

Raymond Shield (For Thomas Splint Competition), Victoria Nursing Division.

Police Reserve

Orders For Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police:

Chinese Company

Strength.—Constable (R) 81 Yuo Shue-tung has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from April 9, 1941.

Commendation.—Constable (R) 110 Tai Pak-yuen is commended by the Commissioner of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese male on March 2, 1941, who was convicted for "Burglary".

Training Course.—Part II.—The following have qualified in Part II of Training Course on March 21, 1941:

Constables (R) 107 Yuen Shu-chong, (R) 110 Cheng Man-kui, (R) 109 Chan Pak-foo, (R) 108 Ko Sik and (R) 103 Hui-kung.

Training Course.—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu-chuen on Wednesday, April 9, at 11.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Strength.—Constables (R) 231 Fazal Khalid and (R) 714 M. A. Saleh have been taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from April 1, 1941.

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R.A.F. Bomb Sofia

FROM PAGE ONE

bombers this morning made six bomb hits on the Kuenkirchen airfield, wounding several persons. Both planes were shot down by Hungarian anti-aircraft guns.

The "Magyar Orszag" reports that two Yugo-Slav planes were shot down at Pecs, making to-day's total ten. The paper said that two bombs hit a passenger train at Gohard, killing one woman and a five-year-old boy.

State of Alarm

BERNE, Apr. 7 (UP).—The Magyar Telegraph Agency's Budapest correspondent reports that the Hungarian Minister of Defence, General Charles de Bartha, has ordered a state of alarm and a state of passive defence to be effective immediately throughout the country, with the establishment of a blackout. The population is urged to remain quiet.

Official Report

CAIRO, Apr. 7. (Reuter).—It is officially announced that German military concentrations in Sofia and motor transport in the Struma Valley were heavily bombed last night.

N. CHINA LABOUR

Restrictions Lifted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEKING, Apr. 7 (Domei).—One of the major hindrances to the importation of labour from North China into Manchuria has gone with the removal of the restrictions on the remittance of workers destined for North China as well as those on the sums of money to be carried on the person. Hitherto, under Manchukuo foreign exchange control regulations, ordinary workers have been unable to send more than Yuan 60 a month per capita while the maximum for a special technician has been fixed at Yuan 120. The restrictions have brought about difficulties in recruiting labour from North China because of the difficulties of sending remittances to labour families in North China. An agreement removing the restrictions has recently been reached between the authorities of Manchukuo and North China.

Soviet Reporting

Of Balkan War

MOSCOW, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The strong resistance encountered by the Germans, especially in the Struma Valley, was emphasised by the Moscow wireless in a broadcast for home consumption to-day.

Commenting upon the military situation created by the German attacks on Yugo-Slavia and Greece, the Moscow announcer, in the main, confined himself to giving briefly the Greek, British and German communications but he also emphasised the strong resistance the Germans were encountering.

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The Yau-mai districts will compete for a shield presented by Mr. Tang Yung, and the Yau-mai wardens will compete for a cup which has been donated by Mr. Wat Tak-ai. The exercises in which the A.R.P. workers

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YUGO-SLAVIANS START OPERATIONS AGAINST ITALIANS IN ALBANIA

Germans Fail To Break Through Greek Defences

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, APR. 7 (UP).—THE ANKARA RADIO ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT YUGO-SLAV TROOPS HAVE COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON THE YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIA BORDER.

IT IS REPORTED FROM THE GREECE-BULGARIAN FRONTIER THAT DESPITE HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS, THE GERMANS HAVE NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THROUGH THE GREEK DEFENCES.

WELL PLANNED RETREAT

British Tactics in Cirenaica

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day stated that British troops are in contact with the enemy in the Gebel-Akhdar region, outside of Benghazi. The British are engaged in a "well planned and orderly withdrawal" and are not retiring under pressure.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Quarter Million Men Out of War

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Well over a quarter of a million Italians have been taken prisoner, killed or wounded in Africa and Albania, according to an estimate issued here to-day. The total is 285,000, including 140,000 prisoners in Libya; 20,000 in Eritrea and Abyssinia; and 80,000 in Italian Somaliland. The total for Albania is 92,000, including 20,000 prisoners, 20,000 killed and 52,000 wounded. British casualties in all African fights up to February 22 are estimated at 604 killed and 2,362 other losses.

Matsuoka Interviews Stalin

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, visited the Kremlin this afternoon to resume conversations with M. Stalin and M. Molotov, says a Moscow dispatch to the official German news agency.

Believes In Axis

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—"My belief has been to strengthen my visit in the victory of the Axis Powers and the successful establishment of a new World Order," says Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a farewell message to the German and Italian people on leaving German territory. The Japanese Foreign Minister expresses "sincere satisfaction" at his reception and cordial thanks to the Fuehrer and II Duce, the Foreign Ministers and leading men of both nations for their "friendliness, amiability and thoughtful hospitality."

PETAIN FACES CLEAR ISSUES

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Marschal Petain, in a special appeal for national unity to-day, from the Lyons radio, said: "It is a matter of honour for us to do nothing against our former ally. The necessary provisioning of the country imposes a sacred duty on us." "Admiral Darlan has my entire confidence. The Government has no other cause to defend but that of France and there is no other manner of being faithful to France but by standing by the Government."

It is understood that the Yugo-Slavs are successfully resisting the German attacks and an unconfirmed report says they have captured a dozen German tanks.

Military observers regarded the situation as very satisfactory.

BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANCES

BERLIN, Apr. 7 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the German troops on the Serbian-Greek frontier are continually advancing. Resistance of enemy fortified positions was overcome after a fierce battle.

Croats To Break Away?

ROME, Apr. 7 (UP).—M. Ante Pavelic, former Chairman of the Yugo-Slavin Senate and now head of the Croat National Movement, has urged to Mussolini stating that various Croatian Nationalists will fight with the Italian troops against Yugo-Slavia. He proclaimed an "independent Croat state."

New Military Measure

ROME, Apr. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that until further notice, Italy and Germany will close down all communications with the outside world between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. nightly as a military measure.

Government Moves

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav Government with General Simovich has gone to Brani and Catak, sixty miles south of Belgrade, claims the German radio, quoting as authority the Sofia correspondent of an Italian newspaper.

Yugo-Slavs Occupy Fiume, Zara & Scutari

NEW YORK, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Colombia Broadcasting Company, quoting an Ankara report, the Yugo-Slavs are said to have occupied Fiume, which is in northeast Italy, Zara, Italian port on the Dalmatian coast, and Scutari in Albania.

Thrace Evacuation

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The Greek High Command communique, according to the Athens radio to-night, states: "The German attack continues with the same violence and is being resisted by small Greek forces."

Albanian Front

"On the Albanian front, a strong offensive by the Greeks resulted in the capture of 500 prisoners."

MURDER TRIAL IN KENYA

Expert Evidence

NAIROBI, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The Government Analyst, Mr. H. M. Fox, was the chief witness when the hearing of the charge against Sir Delves Broughton of murdering the Earl of Erroll was resumed here to-day.

Mr. Fox said that he was satisfied that both bullets fired at Lord Erroll and the bullets found at the farm where Broughton practised with a revolver were fired from the same weapon.

The hearing was adjourned till April 15.

German Parachutists Land in Macedonia

ATHENS, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Parachutists and propaganda leaflets were dropped in Macedonia yesterday, stated an official spokesman to-night. A number of parachutists had been captured, he said.

The leaflets dropped by the German pilots professed German friendship for the Greek people "whom they wished to preserve from the horrors of war."

"The main German thrust," added the Greek spokesman, "is to believe and also to make the German divisions along the frontier from Belgrade to Athens, and the German divisions along the frontier from Belgrade to Athens, and the German divisions along the frontier from Belgrade to Athens."



For Use Against The Germans

When British mechanised material and troops arrived on Greek soil recently they received a very warm welcome from the inhabitants, as this picture testifies. These men and machines may even now be in action against the Nazis in the Struma Valley, where the main German assault on Greece has been launched.

Britain's Budget; Compulsory Lending To The Government

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The following are a few budget snaps: The British tax-payer is called on to pay an extra £205,000,000 in a full year. The income tax rate is increased by 1s. 6d. to 10s. with a reduction of abatements on lower incomes. An income tax and surtax of 19s. 6d. in the pound on the largest incomes. An estimated total expenditure during the year of £4,207,000,000.

Spend as little as possible.

Lend as much as possible." This was the appeal made by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when outlining before the House of Commons to-day his schemes for financing what he termed "the most expensive war in history."

The figures he quoted were astronomical but the House of Commons heard him calmly because the country is by now insured to high levels of taxation and was fully prepared to hear much worse from the Chancellor's lips.

Object of Chancellor

Sir Kingsley said quite frankly that the object of his taxation proposals was to make a considerable cut in purchasing power during the war to avoid the ever-present dangers of inflation.

Taxes on income as announced by the Chancellor ranged over the whole social sphere. Basically the income tax is raised by 1s. 6d. to 10s. in the pound with a lessening of abatements at the lower end of the scale and with a tightening of taxation at the other. Thus a single man earning 45s. a week who paid no income tax last year will pay 2s. a week.

In his particular instance, the whole payment will be treated as credit to the individual in the Post Office Savings Bank.

R.A.F. Bomb Sofia: Belgrade Avenged

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. quickly replied to the German air attack on Belgrade by bombing German military concentrations at Sofia last night, says a Middle East communique.

A station and marshalling yards, railway junction, warehouses, motor transports and a large factory were heavily bombed. There were many explosions and one very large fire and several smaller ones.

In one case, trucks were seen to be hurled into the air.

After carrying out their bombing attack, the aircraft dived and machine-gunned their objectives and motor transport on the roads in the Struma Valley. Considerable damage was caused.

All the aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to their base.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 7 (UP).—A report from Budapest to the official news agency states that two Yugo-Slav aircraft were shot down.

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WE BREAK WITH HUNGARY

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—

The British Government have decided to withdraw their mission from Budapest, "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns.

The instruction to the British Minister, Mr. Owen O'Malley to withdraw the mission is being given in consequence of the fact that Hungary has now become a base for operations against the Allies.

"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent understands that M. Barcza, the Hungarian Minister, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon and was informed of the decision taken by the British Government.

Appeal To Duce

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The new Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr. Laszlo de Bardossy, has sent a telegram to Mussolini asking for his "precious support" in the task that he has undertaken, it is stated in Rome.

German Ships Scuttled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TORONTO, Apr. 7 (UP).—The Atlantic of News, Mr. Angus MacDonald, to-day announced that a Canadian cruiser had intercepted two German ships off the coast of South America. The ships were carrying 5,000 and 5,500 tons respectively. Both ships scuttled themselves.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

How Addis Ababa Fell To British Forces

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—An official communique states: "On the evening of April 5, our leading troops entered Addis Ababa. The Viceroy and Government had left the city."

"As a result of messages dropped by us on April 1, an envoy from the Viceroy of Italian East Africa flew to our lines on April 3 when conditions were presented to him to ensure the safety of the civil population of Addis Ababa in the event of fighting round the city."

The Union Jack now flies over the Palace formerly occupied by the Emperor Haile Selassie, and the city seems to be very rapidly returning to normal life.

It is now revealed that General Sandino, one of the leading Italian commanders, narrowly escaped capture. He was captured by the British forces.

Meanwhile the Duke of Aosta, the Italian Viceroy, and the military chiefs and forces accompanying him are reported to be making their way to the north.

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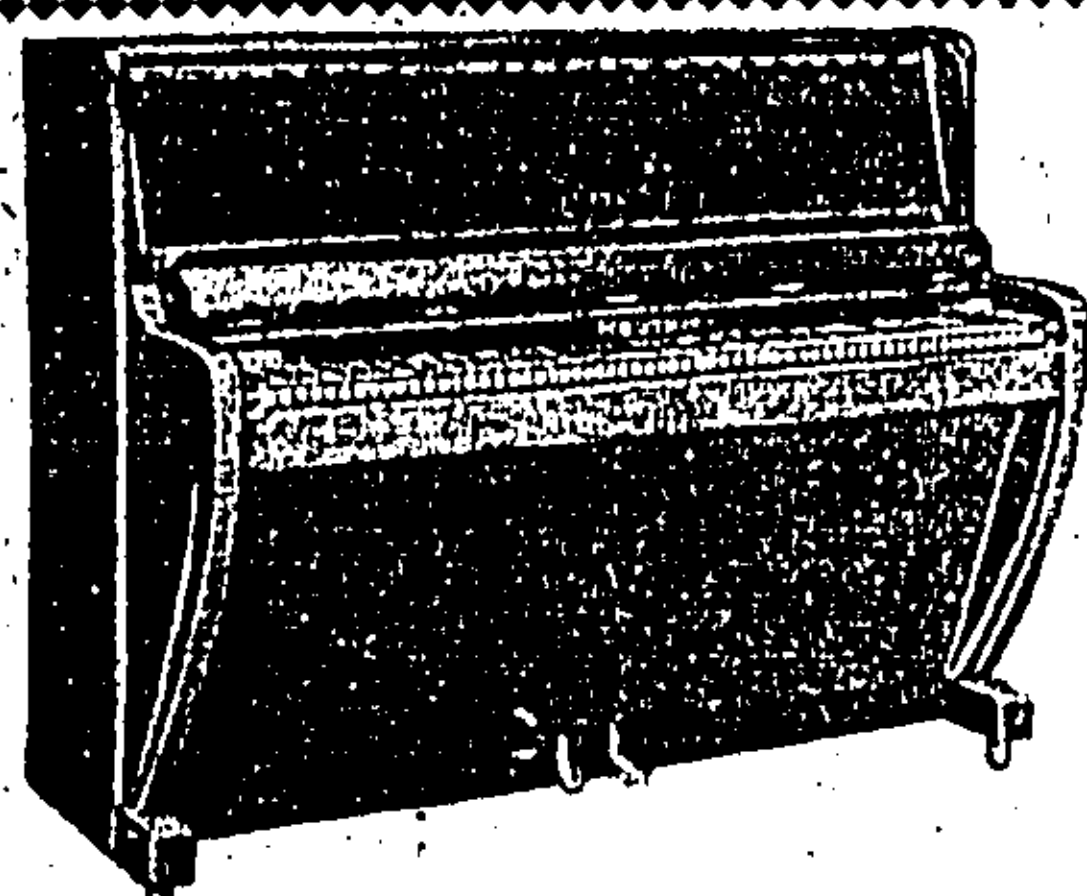
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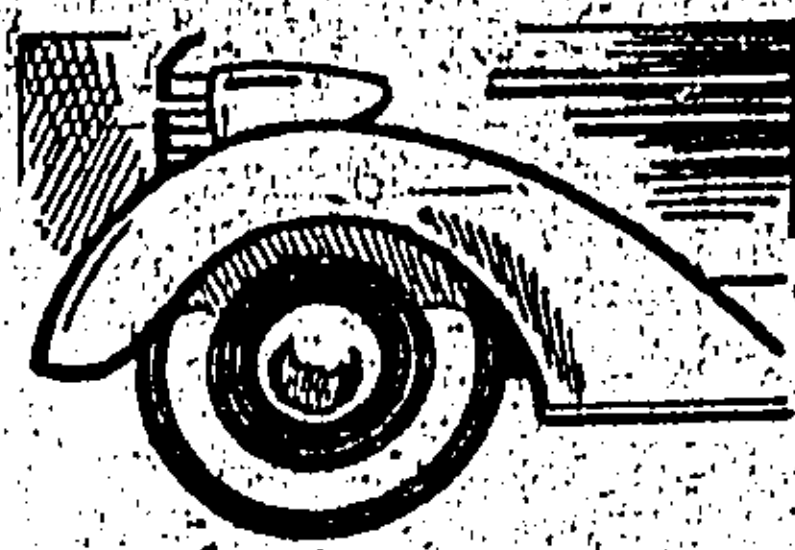
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PARACHUTISTS

THOSE who have already been worried about the possibility of the Germans using the British uniforms which they captured before Dunkirk for the disguise of parachutists, will not be reassured by the reply given recently to a question in the House of Commons.

The War Secretary indicated that efforts have been made to get supplies of battle dress and greatcoats through to our prisoners of war in Germany, but he could not give an assurance that they had reached or would reach those for whom they are intended.

At first glance it might seem foolish to send these uniforms into Germany and present the Nazis with a temptation they could not resist. It can be assumed, however, that if the Nazis wanted British uniforms as a means of facilitating invasion, they would have no great difficulty in manufacturing passable imitations. Their genius in ersatz production is well known, and the copying of a uniform—any uniform—and its manufacture in bulk, would seem to present no insuperable difficulty.

It would be much more to the point if we set about devising means whereby the identity of possible German invaders in British uniforms could be readily established. Britain's defence plans, so complete otherwise, should not be deficient in this.

THE NEW ETHIOPIA

It was appropriate that the announcement concerning the attitude of the British Government to the future of Ethiopia should have been made by Mr. Eden, who has so consistently striven through recent years of international difficulty to maintain the rights of the Emperor and his people in the face of Italian aggression.

The statement should remove all doubts. Britain has no territorial designs on Abyssinia, but intends to free the country from the invader. Haile Selassie, for his part, is anxious that when restored to the throne he should have the advice and guidance of progressive countries in developing the destinies of his people.

The Emperor is known to have been working for the abolition of slavery in his dominions before the Italian aggression. When the country is freed it will enter upon a new life. There will be difficulties, when so much intractable human material has to be dealt with, but Ethiopia must be guided against retrogression.

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir DOUGLAS BROWNRIGG

An Expert Sums Up Operations

any serious danger from the Italian forces on parts of Italian or German air attack. The advantage of this position can best be illustrated by taking the example of the Indian troops who the British troops in the fought at Sidi Barrani in De-Sudan under the command of Major-General W. Platt. These forces are operating in 1,500 miles from the Mediterranean. The second group under General Wavell consists of the British troops in the fought at Sidi Barrani in De-Sudan under the command of Major-General W. Platt. These forces are operating in 1,500 miles from the Mediterranean. The second group under General Wavell consists of the British troops in the fought at Sidi Barrani in De-Sudan under the command of Major-General W. Platt. These forces are operating in 1,500 miles from the Mediterranean.

Threefold Campaign In the Middle East

Events in Africa have moved with such rapidity that it is wise to take a quick survey of the present situation in the Middle East, so as to be able to follow future operations more connectedly.

Forces of the British Empire are facing Italian Forces on three widely separated fronts in Africa, all three being under the supreme command of General Sir Archibald Wavell.

A Free French Force is operating against the Italians in South West Tripoli, but there seems no reason to suppose that this operation forms any part of Sir Archibald Wavell's plan. Its

direction, one column along the railway from Biscia to the Red Sea port of Massawa, in Eritrea, and the other from Metemma towards the heart of Abyssinia. These two columns are operating about 200 miles apart. To give some idea of the distances over which these African operations are taking place it is interesting to note that General Platt's headquarters are over 1,000 miles from General Wavell's headquarters in Cairo.

An approximate estimate of the Italian Forces in Italy's East African Empire is 250,000 (about the same strength as the Libyan army with which Graziani began his ill-fated campaign). These forces are made up of 50,000 tribal levies, 100,000 metropolitan troops and blackshirts, and 100,000 native troops.

The third group consists of the British Forces in East Africa under Major-General A. Cunningham. These troops are operating in a northerly direction from the Kenya border against the Italian troops in Abyssinia.

The enemy consist of a part of the 250,000 mentioned above. Under his command General Cunningham has troops brought against the Italians, so has Hitler from South- and from West Africa as well as those ordinarily situated in East Africa.

There is a fourth British force in Palestine, under General Wavell's command, but this is not yet actively engaged against an enemy.

At the moment there are two points of outstanding military interest. First, the advantage accruing to General Wavell through operating on interior lines; second, the vital importance of sending munitions to Africa to consolidate a victory or retaining them at home against the

General Wavell at Cairo is in the middle of a vast circle with possibility of invasion.

The second point of extreme interest and importance, the value of sea power, hardly requires emphasis. Without command of the ocean routes our troops in Africa could not be kept supplied with the munitions of war, nearly all of which have to come to the different parts of Africa by sea from the United Kingdom.

But pride in the power of this achievement should be accompanied by a warning. Every subsidiary theatre of war is a drain on the home front. The



arms and equipment used against the Italians in Libya, Eritrea, and Abyssinia can only be supplied at the expense of the troops in Britain. That is the nicety of balance which must be shown by the War Committee on the advice of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff. And in tendering the advice he has to remember that, just as General Wavell has the advantage of operating on interior lines against the Italians, so has Hitler that advantage in operating against the world-wide British Empire.

The fall of the Italian Empire in Africa is startling in its rapidity. The future in Africa will be full of interest, but interest will be increased if we bear in mind the immense distances over which General Wavell exercises command, and remember the careful balance which must be maintained by the War Committee in deciding at any time the relative importance of sending munitions to Africa to consolidate a victory or retaining them at home against the

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WAVELL

A portrait in miniature

GENERAL WAVELL'S desert victory has been due to the manner in which the men miles south of Sidi Barrani manned by crack troops, in the same way. Allenby moved his troops across by night, had them hide in dried-up river beds by day and then swung a brigade of Australian light horse at Beersheba with such speed that the Turks were prevented from destroying the wells or escaping.

General Wavell similarly moved his troops across the desert by night, and had them hide there by day and swing tanks followed by infantry at Nibeiwa in the same manner seizing all supplies and immediately turning them to use against the enemy. As in the Palestine campaign the trainer of General Wavell followed up the first troops who built thrust with a crescendo of blows so up the army that the enemy was still be chased the day after the drive in less than a week.

In his biography of Allenby General Wavell wrote: "The great East there is no battlefield of cavalry arms, though a supreme command, not it is hoped, of the cavalry spirit, but a command over all which will still find expression in the Army head cannot command the city of armed vehicles."

General Wavell has always been a quiet, unassuming man, not tall, but always advanced equipment, has not been in France, but has been fully appreciative of the importance of the sea and air arms, and gets along well with Admiral Cunningham and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore. His experience with Allenby's campaign in Palestine in the last war did not have enough material for an left a mark on him which is very offensive, but hoped to pick up on evident at present. There are still the way, such a daring seemed to be a campaign and General Wavell's. The British Empire is the greatest of all.

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THE STORY THUS FAR: Made-moiselle Henriette—governess in a titled Parisian family—is tried for the murder of her employer's wife and acquitted. Through the aid of Henry Field, a young American preacher, she secures a position as teacher of French in an exclusive New York school for girls. Her pupils, discovering her past, hunt her down, leading to a resignation. Urged by Field, she makes up her mind to stay and to tell them her story, thus demanding their respect. They listen breathlessly as she tells of the stormy young governess crossing the stormy English Channel on her way to a new position with the wealthy de Prallins in Paris. She tells, too, of meeting young Field, without dreaming of the part he was destined to play in her adventurous life.

CHAPTER II

THE young man continued earnestly: "I saw you first on the dock at Southampton! How sad those people were when they said goodbye to you! I was sad for them, I don't know why! That little girl, how bitterly she wept!"

"I'd been her governess for five years!"

When the lonely traveller was about to leave the swaying deck and go inside, the stranger implored her to stay with such bluff honesty that she hadn't the heart to refuse.

"I'm an American," he went on, "from Massachusetts. My name is Field—Henry Field—there's a Martin in the middle. Oh, yes, and a Reverend in front. I'm not a full-fledged minister yet. Just now I am broadening myself with some travel. I don't suppose a little broadening will hurt a minister, do you?"

She liked him in spite of herself, though when the boat docked, she said goodbye without consenting to give him her name, and walked away as impersonally as though they'd never met, leaving him deeply perplexed.

Having reached the imposing home of the Duke and Duchess de Prallins—to whom she had letters of introduction—the governess followed the liveried servant along many shadowy corridors, passing on the way the chilling "Abbe-Gallard-in-the-black robes of his calling. She was finally ushered into a vast chamber where a maid in a white apron and a chaise longue which had been drawn close to the fireplace, repeated the languid and vitriolic Madame la Duchesse.

The Duke, a handsome man, who had evidently again come out at the awkward encounter with that lady meant to ignore the newcomer, and spoke in her place.

"We require a governess, Mlle. Desportes," he began, aggressively, "to take full charge of the children. I'm afraid you'll find them quite a handful. The three eldest are at the awkward ages between seven and eleven. Then there's a boy who was born some years later. The Duke's eyes had grown steadily tender. He gazed at his nameless servant with a bright little follow-up but his health is—"

"Raymond is sensitive like me," sighed the Duchess, gazing at her husband accusingly. "For years before he was born I was made ill and unhappy and he will always bear the marks of my suffering!"

The Duke gave the fire an impatient kick and at the moment, Mme. Mailard, whose place Mlle. Henriette was to fill, arrived with the children. Raymond, followed by Louise and Isabelle, adolescent and dark like their mother. All were excited and Raymond, in overflowing emotion, blurted out a blessing from his mother's favorite hymn. For this misdeemeanor Mme. Mailard slapped him cruelly and forbade him his supper. "It was for the new governess," he said, "because she had pink ribbons in her hair!"

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FREE-FRENCH

May Fight In Balkans

ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, declared in an interview that he might go to the Balkans.

After lunching aboard the British battleship Warspite, he said: "I have reason to hope that Free France will participate in the battle in the Balkans and it is possible that I may go there. Frankly, I believe that the German effort in the Balkans will be considerable and formidable in every way, but I remain convinced that the Balkan countries, which have shown to us the way, will not be easy to conquer."

British Budget Brings New Tax Paying Class: Less Spending

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the income tax rate would be increased to ten shillings in the pound.

The House of Commons was well-filled for Sir Kingsley's Budget Speech, and the Chancellor was cheered when he entered the House. A number of peers and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, were present.

The Chancellor said that he would make proposals which would not only enable us to surmount immediate difficulty but would ensure that we continue to maintain our national finances on sound lines so that we would be able, when the time came, to pursue measures of reconstruction and social advance.

The British financial front stood firm and strong. The steps taken to stimulate exports, drastically and to reduce non-essential imports certainly had been successful.

Our system of exchange control under the mobilisation of dollar securities had enabled us to meet the very heavy drain upon our resources of gold dollars and we now had an assurance, by reason of the great contribution America was making in the Lease and Lend Act, that no difficulty in financing purchases from the United States would hamper the full development of our fighting strength (Cheers).

The control of capital issues in the domestic market had been of great value in securing the best possible conditions for the success of Government loans.

All these measures combined enabled us to borrow at a very low rate of interest, averaging below two per cent.

"We have no intention of borrowing on worse terms as the war proceeds. We shall hope to improve upon them." (Cheers).

Post War Debt

All this meant that the aggravation of our post-war financial problem by the burden of the War Debt, though it was bound to be grievous, would be correspondingly less and we should also avoid the evils incurred after 1918 of starting a period post-war expansion and recovery with a rate of interest which, in the long run, was so embarrassing and often crushing to the borrower. The maintenance of a low rate of interest would do much to ease the financial problem of rebuilding our cities after the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood added that we had taken many steps to eliminate war fortunes. Referring to the "many difficulties and problems inherent in the most expensive war in history," the Chancellor remarked that the danger we had to control was that of being flooded out by a torrent of excess purchasing power fed by the spring of wartime government expenditure. That was the function of finance.

A solution of the problem would be impossible unless it was eased by withholding a substantial part of the surplus purchasing power through the instrument of taxation.

Free Gifts

Dealing with details of last year's account, the Chancellor thanked the tax-payers who had responded so readily to his appeal for prompt payment of taxes and also those at home and overseas who had patriotically helped with a steady flow of free gifts to the Exchequer and to aircraft production.

The purchase tax yielded some £20,000,000. Its administration had worked quite smoothly.

Towards the total expenditure of £3,884,000,000, we received a total revenue of £1,400,000,000, leaving a deficiency of £2,475,000,000 to be found by other means.

A net sum of £2,402,000,000 was borrowed during the year. The hard and severe financial measures brought benefits because they avoided, for the mass of the people, the evil effects of unchecked inflation.

Hitherto, increases in taxation had not fallen short of the necessities of the case. There had been no inflationary dangers in our system, up to the present.

Lease & Lend Act

Referring to the future, the Chancellor said that a new and important factor was introduced by the Lease and Lend Act. He could not estimate the value of supplies to be received from the United States.

He estimated the value credit required, excluding supplies from the payments to the United States, at £3,800,000,000.

The estimated total expenditure was £4,207,000,000. The estimated yield in income tax for the current year was £605,000,000 (an increase of £81,000,000), a surtax of £80,000,000, death duties of £82,000,000, stamp duties of £14,000,000, excess profits tax of £210,000,000.

The total estimate of inland revenue duties on the existing basis of taxation was £902,000,000; Customs and excise of £578,000,000; and purchase tax of £70,000,000.

The total estimated revenue for 1940-41 on the existing basis of taxation was £1,630,000,000.

The hops tax was renewed for a further four years, the medicine and stamp duties repealed from September 2 and new medicine and stamp duties legislation would be introduced.

Allowances

The Finance Bill includes a clause providing for the purposes of income tax and national defence contributions a similar allowance to that provided for the purpose of the excess profits tax in respect of losses incurred in providing additional buildings, plant and machinery for the war effort.

The Chancellor foreshadowed a modification of the excess profits tax but could not now afford any considerable changes. Part of the tax would be held by the Exchequer to be made available to industry at the end of the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood estimated that private savings for the current year totalled £1,000,000,000 in addition to £1,630,000,000 from revenue. He estimated that domestic expenditure would be £3,700,000,000, leaving a gap of £500,000,000 to be filled.

The Exchequer would bear a considerably increased burden to prevent an increase in the cost of living, including an increase in the shipping rates and insurance.

The policy of stabilising prices would continue to be extended. The scheme included coal, gas and electricity charges. The aim was to hold wages about where they are now.

New Savings

Turning to the question of filling the £500,000,000 gap, Sir Kingsley Wood said that he needed a still greater sum from genuine new savings and urged the people to spend as little as possible and to lend as much as possible.

New private savings were estimated to produce between £200,000,000 and £300,000,000.

The new taxation was estimated to produce £205,000,000 in a full year. The income tax rate would be increased by 18d. to 10s.

The 5s. rate on the lower scale would be increased to 6s. 6d.

On the largest incomes, the income tax and super tax would be 19s. 6d. in the pound.

The income tax yield this year would be £80,000,000, in a full year £125,000,000.

Exemption Limit

The earned income allowance deduction, now one-sixth, would be one-tenth. Personal allowance of £170 for a married person would be reduced to £140.

The exemption limit for income tax would be £110 instead of £120. This would increase the number of income tax payers by over 2,000,000.

The extra-tax any individual paid by reason of the reduction of personal allowance and earned income allowance would be off-set after the war by credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole income tax proposals would produce £150,000,000 this year and in a full year £250,000,000, half of which would be treated as credit.

A full year would produce £1,800,000,000 from taxation.

Soviet Reporting Of Balkan War

MOSCOW, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—The strong resistance encountered by the Germans, especially in the Struma Valley, was emphasised by the Moscow wireless in a broadcast for home consumption to-day.

Commenting upon the military situation created by the German attacks on Yugoslavia and Greece, the Moscow announcer, in the main, confined himself to giving briefly the

JAPANESE PLANES

Discouraging View Of British Critic

WASHINGTON, (By Clipper to Central News).—"The Japanese have not one home-built warplane that could stand up for three minutes to a frontline equivalent from the United States, Britain, Germany, Italy or Russia, in the opinion of Capt. H. C. Blard, British air ace.

Capt. Blard, who has made a study of the growth of air power in the leading countries for the last 30 years, said that the best of the Japanese planes is only of "half-breed."

"The Aichi flying boat is claimed by the Japanese press to be able to blot out anyone who offers opposition to the 'New Order' in Eastern Asia. The Aichi is Japanese-built, but powered with French Lorraine which are good of their kind but would look like yesterday's beer against the British Sunderland or the American Curtiss-Wright flying boats.

Good In China Only

"The Kawasaki 94's are also powered with Lorraines. They are good stuff for war in China but cannot work against the front-line deck-fighters, eight-gun landplanes or the 'Chicago Piano' armaments of big power battleships.

"The Kawasaki 92 is a very big boat with three 800-horse power engines. The engines are imported. This machine carries six men and a heavy bomb-load, but it is not fast as we know speed; its armament is second-class; its maneuverability is not up to modern requirements.

"The Mitsubishi Co. of Tokyo builds fighters, bombers, deck-fighters, trainers—every sort of warplane. It constructs under a number of British and American licenses; but naturally the licenses for the No. 1 defence machines do not go abroad; exportable licenses are superseded before they are sent east. During the Japanese-Chinese war, Japan had managed to import an altogether surprising quantity of British, American, German, French, Italian and other warplanes.

Orders May Come Back

"It is not for me to tell the political Moguls their jobs, but figures don't lie and there is indisputable evidence of millions of dollars' worth of aircraft going into Japan every year from countries that may one day find those aircraft coming back with bombs aboard. They will probably be shot down because they are semi-obsolete types.

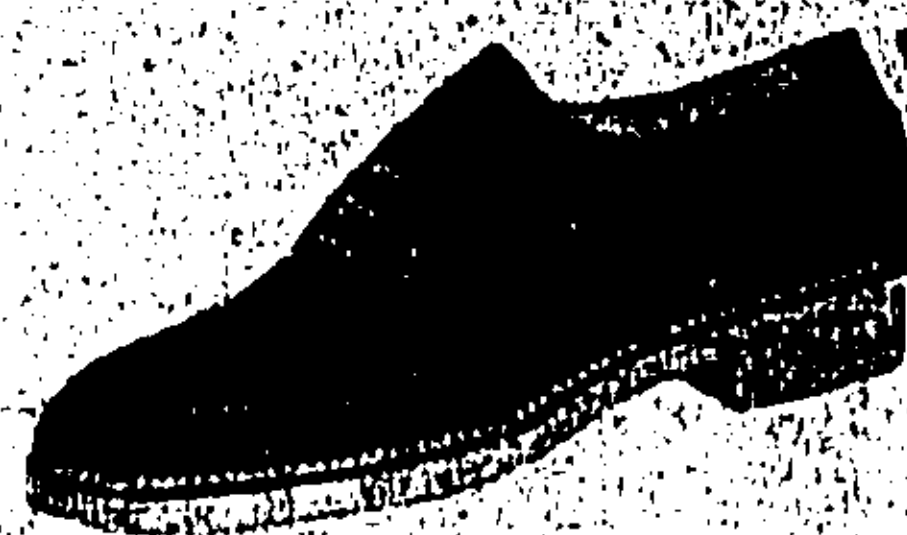
"The Nakajima fighter is about the only Japanese-built and powered machine that comes into the modern war picture. It is not a Spitfire, a Lockheed-Allison or a Curtiss Hawk, but no doubt it could put up a show against certain other types. But I believe not very many Nakajimas have been produced.

"As to pilots, the Japanese does not take kindly to machinery. He is industrious, keen, as fond of his copybook as a German, but without the German pilot's dogged courage, or the British or American flyer's daredevil inspiration.

"The war in China has shown that Japanese airmen can fly well—or fight well—but they cannot do the two things at the same time. They fall down, even before the ancient Chinese warplanes, lifted off the crapheaps of half the world."

Greek, British and German communiques but he also emphasised the strong resistance the Germans were encountering.

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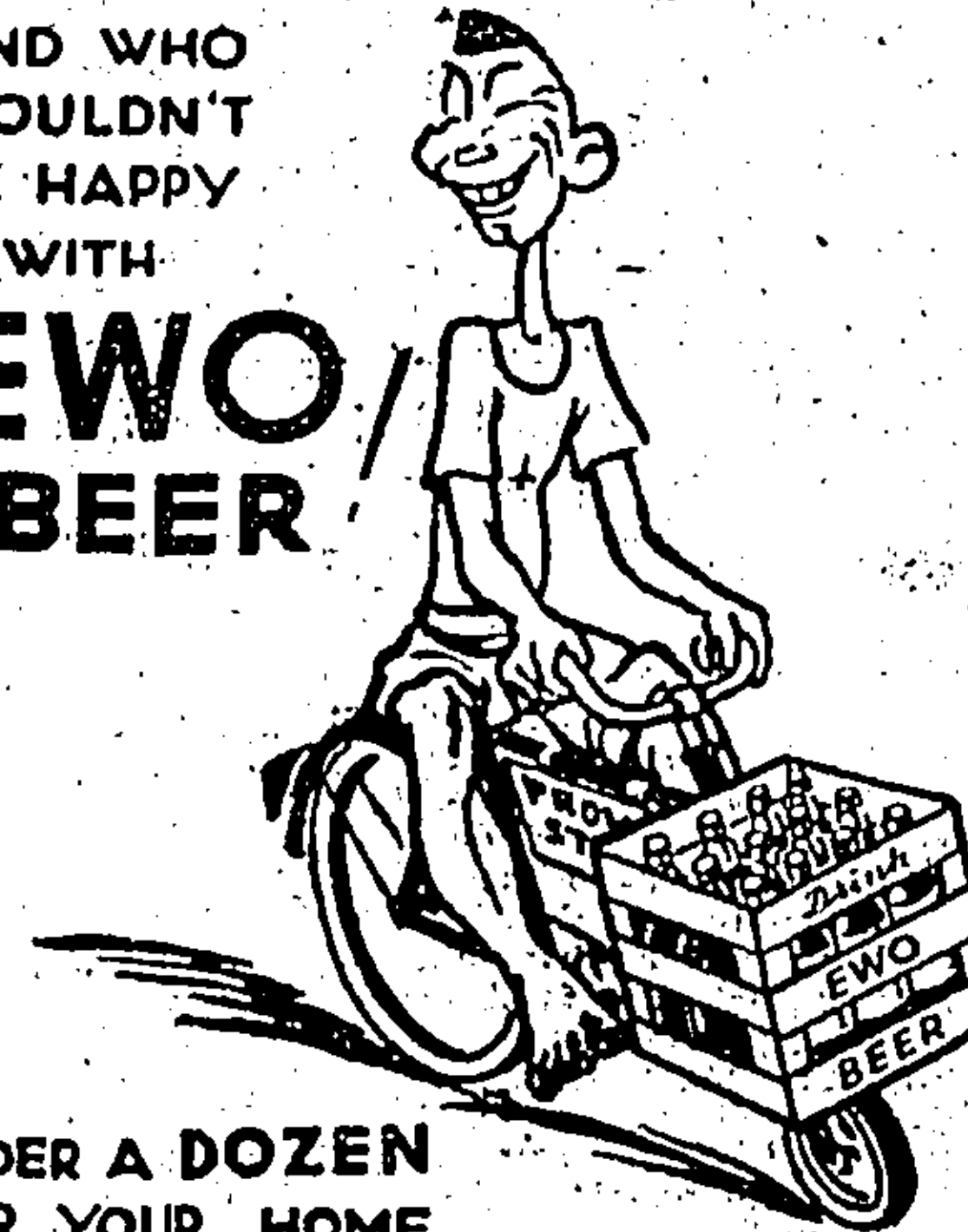
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Kowloon C.C. Win Senior Shield

Civil Service Batsmen Fail Before N.D. Lloyd

University's Late Action

Unless I am very much mistaken, the cricket season for the Senior Division is over. The K.C.C. have won the Shield and no one can deny that they are by far the best side playing in it. And there is one other feature too to my mind, and that is, that there is more executive drive and playing keenness than in any other team. Despite delays, they stuck to it, and there was no messing about.

And that reminds me. I was personally informed by the captain of the C.S.C. that the previous week the University requested the Civil Service on Monday, March 24, to confirm in writing if the game on 29/3/41 between the two teams was "on". The C.S. replied in the affirmative. On Friday, March 28, I am told that the University Secretary cancelled the game in writing owing to Camp duties. A perfectly sound ground of course, but I do not quite see why these camp duties could not have been foreseen on the previous Monday! One of the immediate results was to upset all the arrangements of the Civil Service first eleven at the last moment. I am not surprised they have decided to cancel their two remaining League Matches, and call the season finished. I should strongly advise them to stop out of the League next season unless there is a very drastic change in the situation.

One must be profoundly thankful that it was possible to play cricket on Saturday last, when it was humid and very hot, though not cheerful. The K.C.C. wicket was in its usual excellent condition but a good deal of interest of the game was lost when it was realised that the C.S.C. had McLellan away on leave and Griffiths sailing. (It was not his fault in view of the chaotic state of the fixture list), and the C.S. have no reserves to call up. There the K.C.C. have such a pull. They have at least four men quite worth a place in the first though it is amazing how seldom they seem to have to call them up.

The Lucky Spin

Teddy Fincher won the toss—incidentally he tells me he has won the toss in all five league matches—and put the Civil Service in. It all depended on the C.S. making a good start and they did not. After hitting a lovely four through the covers off the first ball of the match, Richardson was l.b.w. to an in-swinging from Lloyd. He thought it was going outside the leg stump but the umpire did not agree. However, he had previously been given not out to a similar ball and Lloyd told me, unless I misunderstood him, that he felt more optimistic about his first than his second appeal.

Attwell unfortunately was in his blob, rather than his fifty incarnation, and picked a very good one from Francis Zimmerman who was not, however, bowling in his best form. Lloyd, aided no doubt by the heavy atmosphere, was making the ball swing a lot and bowling well, but it was then that he had a bit of luck which may have changed the fortunes of the match. One ball got mixed up with Perry's pads and in turning to see where it was, the batsman had the misfortune to kick the ball on to his wicket. Had he stopped anything might have happened. Colledge batted better than he has done for a very long time and made 25, while Forbes who has been dead out of form all the season played an excellent defensive knock, although he only got fifteen. It was left for Hawkins to make top score with a brilliant 27, but no one else did anything.

Excellent Bowling

A total of 94 was not likely to bother the K.C.C. but Baker and Perry bowled very well. Time and again Anderson played at the former and was lucky enough not to touch the ball. Baker might well have had two or three "caught at the wickets" apart from a couple "miraculously bowled." Perry bowled excellently with one exception; he has a knack of chucking up his in-swingers so that it lands a half volley on the batsman's legs and is a gift for four to leg.

Most of the runs taken off his bowling went almost to exactly the same place, about 10 yards in front of square-leg. I chipped Dicky Richardson after the match for not having moved his long on round to cover this obvious gap, but he told me that Perry wanted to keep long on where he was as he was trying to get them to lift one there. I think this was unwise with most of the batsmen who were getting runs were hitting to mid wicket and possibly he should have had two men on the leg side. Admittedly, Anderson was caught at long-on, but it was the only ball that went up there at all.

I am coming to the conclusion that one of the reasons for Perry failing to obtain the figures he should do, is that he cannot control his swing, and the moment he sends up a ball on the stumps it goes right away and

To-day's Tennis

There is only one Open Tennis match to-day. This will be played on the Stand Court, and is as follows:

DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher.

is usually very easy to score off. The first five batsmen all got double figures with Anderson top scorer with 38, but I have seen him play many better innings. After that the batting was rather cheerful.

A Return

It was very pleasant to see Tubby Wood back in the first eleven. After the scandalous amount of time he has spent on the ponies, judging from some of his dashes in the field, I am not sure he could not beat some of his own mounts. If the race was short enough, it is interesting to note that this is the first occasion for a very long time when Dicky Richardson has failed to come off on the K.C.C. ground. I also gathered that before he got out yesterday, Donald Anderson had an average of something like 100.

During the pleasant festivities after the game, certain ribald merriment took place when the President of the Civil Service Club pointed out that as a stipendiary Magistrate, Anderson would no doubt play for the Civil Service next year. It is understood that the rumour is not well founded.

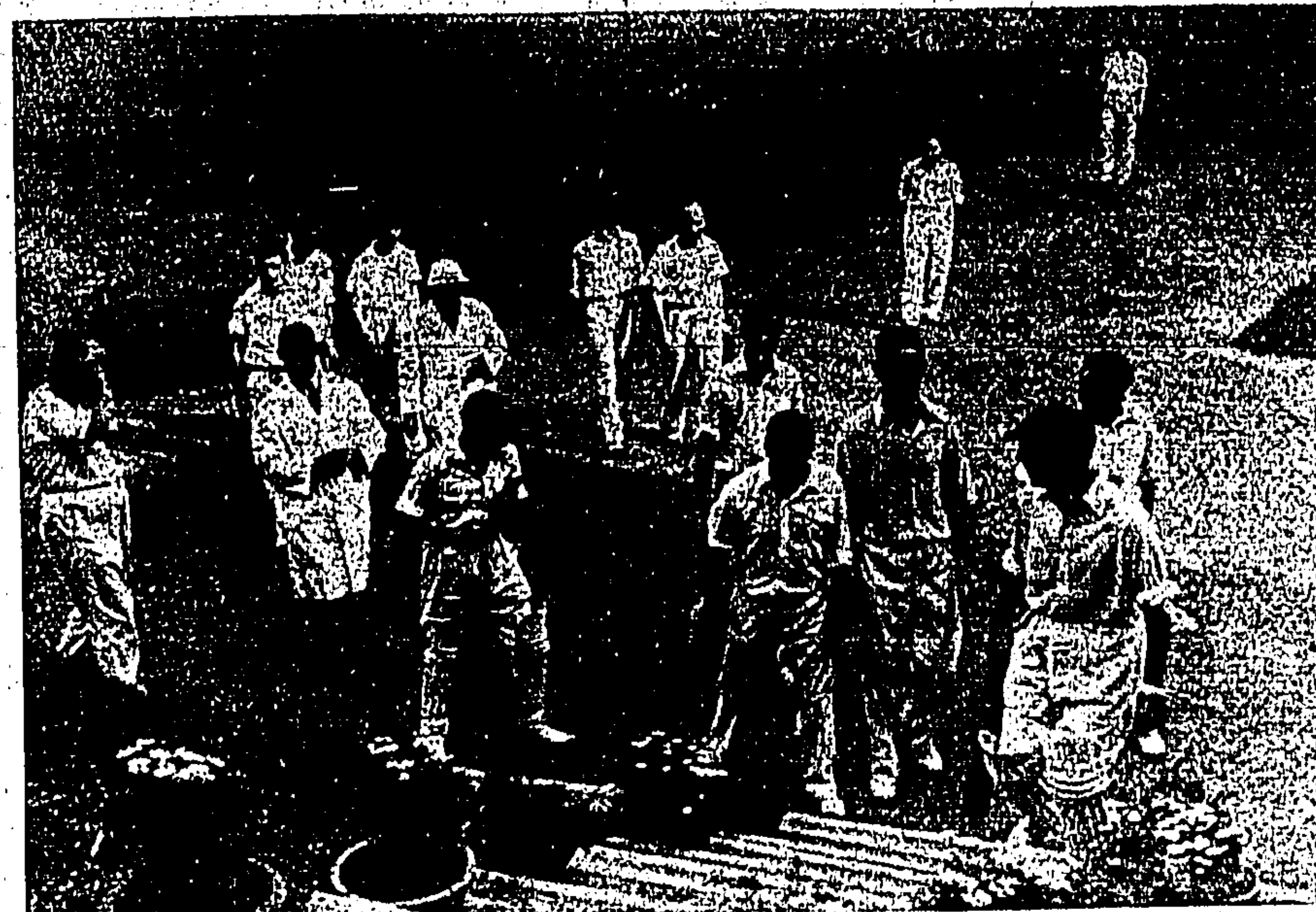
University Win

The struggling and courageous, but not very able, Craigengower side failed entirely to do anything against the University at Pokfulam. They only turned out 10 men and P. H. White (18), E. Zimmerman (14) and George Sousa (14) alone managed to get into double figures. Gegg's figures for bowling were excellent, 6-3-10-4, while Narayan Singh took 3 for 11 in 18 balls.

The University had little difficulty in knocking off the runs, as Matthews, who is in form just now with the bat, made 33 before being run out, while Gegg and Hong Choy were not out with 22 and 10 respectively.

Second Division

The K.C.C. and the C.C.C. both managed to win their games on Saturday and have exactly similar figures. The K.C.C. had a simple enough task against the C.S.C. second who are more enthusiastic and persevering than super-skilled. They batted first and Goodwin and Hung, who are bowling nearly as well, I am told, as when they were in the first League, played havoc. Ainello failed to come off and Strange (13) and V. C. Bond (20) alone got double figures, though a total of 84 was reached. Repler (18) and Exeter (10) did not do so well as they might have, considering the weakness of the bowling. But Tom Madar got 28 not out, and Goodban 23. Mitchell bowled well to take 4 for 80 but the result was never in doubt. On paper K.C.C. have a very strong side with Goodwin and Hung to



Smiling faces on the Civil Service and Kowloon cricketers as they adjourn for the tea during the League match at the K.C.C. on Saturday that gave the home side the Senior Championship.—Ming Yuen.

Tournament Tennis

Rumjahn Cousins In Doubles Semi-finals

THE RUMJAHN COUSINS, S.A. and H.D., entered the semi-finals of the Colony Doubles Tennis Championship at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they beat George Choa and A. V. Remedios in three sets, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

This was the only Open match played, and a fair crowd gathered at the Stand Court. On the day's play, the winners deserved their success, though had Choa and Remedios been able to continue their form of the second set, a different story might have been told.

The standard of the opening set was below even that of the League, but in the second, volleying duels were brilliant and sustained, and in these Choa was much to the fore. His angled shots and placing when at the net were winners on almost every occasion.

H.D., too, came into his own in this set, for he was inclined to be erratic during the first and final sets. His forehand was not working with the accustomed sting, while his volleys too frequently ended in the net.

Old Combination
BUT the combination of the Cousins was ever present, and this was one of the compensating features. S.A. was steady with his ground shots, and it was a peculiar fact that though Choa was the stronger of the opposing pair, the Rumjahns concentrated on him for the greater part of the game. His Remedios was far from settled in the first set, and though he played his part in giving assistance to Choa in the second, his ground shots did not fully work until the final set when he crossed with several fine drives that left the Rumjahns standing.

On every possible occasion, the opposing pairs stormed the net, and on the whole the volleying was far above the average. Choa and Remedios led 4-1 in the second set, and before a determined onslaught by the Rumjahns had to concede three games in a row to level at 4-4. Then 5-11, and finally Choa and Remedios led 6-5. They had two set points and failed with astonishingly weak shots, but with their third set point, Remedios brought off one of his spectacular drives that cut through the opposition for the set.

ANTICIPATIONS of a great struggle in the third set began to dissolve when the Rumjahns took the lead at 3-1. Choa and Remedios won the fifth game, and after several interesting moments of volleying, the Rumjahns took the sixth to lead 4-2.

The opposition to the champions had by now dwindled considerably, and though Remedios was still working well with his forehand, Choa seemed to have lost touch at the net and the match went to the Rumjahns.

stiffen the bowling, and ought to win the Second Division Shield on their heads. But cricket is a funny game.

Lock Comes Off

The Recreio second have been rather disappointing this year, owing to a lamentable habit of collapsing in the batting line. Before last Saturday's game, they were not at all badly placed as they had won four games out of five, and lost the other. But they could do nothing right as Happy Valley.

Lock (38) and Leonard (38) got together and collared the bowling and a total of 182 was a pretty useful one. Recreio could not look at it. The only man to score double figures was M. A. Remedios (20) and they were all out for fifty three.

League Softball

Champions v. Rest On Easter Monday

(By "Ball Fan")

ELABORATE preparations are well under way to stage the "colossal softball classic" of the year on Easter Monday when two glittering exhibition games will be carded, for local ball fans, in aid of the Chinese War Orphans Relief Association.

In the opening game at 2.30 p.m., the star-studded Wildcats, Colony champions and Southard Shield winners, will appear on the diamond for the first time as titleholders when they tackle an all-star nine picked from the rest of the clubs.

The nightcap at 3.45 p.m. will feature St. Joseph's burly ballhawks, senior loop champions, against those irrepressible Mohawks, the team that has everything. The Ironquills Tribe were edged out of the championship this year, but are considered by many to be the "team of teams" here in South China.

Featuring a dazzling infield combination and a fleet-footed outfield that is the class in local softball circles, the Five Nations tomahawk-wielders are expected to prove before the gashouse faithful their ball playing superiority over Dave Leonard's champion ballhawking Saints.

A capacity crowd is expected to stream into the Kowloon ball park for this all-star charity doubleheader and tickets will probably go on sale late this afternoon.

In connection with this holiday programme, a meeting of the representatives of all softball teams in Hongkong will be held at the Club Lusitano this afternoon at 5 p.m. Club representatives please note.

Golf

Craig Wood Wins Annual Masters Tournament

ATLANTA, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Craig Wood, with an aggregate of 280 for 72 holes, won the Annual Masters Golf Tournament to-day. Byron Nelson was second with 283, Sam Byrd third with 285 and Ben Hogan fourth with 286. Lawson Little, the present American Open Champion, finished with 290.

Wood's first round of 69 was the best in the Tournament, being six under par.

Captain's Cup At Fanling

Results of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held during the week-end were: Old Course, J. Linaker 88-16=78 (21 entries); New Course, R. M. Wood 87-16=71 (19 entries).

Matches Postponed
The matches in the first round of the women's Badminton doubles which were to have been played on Thursday, have been postponed until after the Easter holidays, owing to the indisposition of one of the players.

Badminton Championship Matches To-night

MATCHES in the Badminton Championships to-night will be at the Kowloon C.C. and the programme is as follows:
7.45 p.m. N. Smith v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).
8.15 p.m. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chui (Junior Doubles).
8.45 p.m. M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (Senior Doubles).
9.30 p.m. H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (Senior Doubles).

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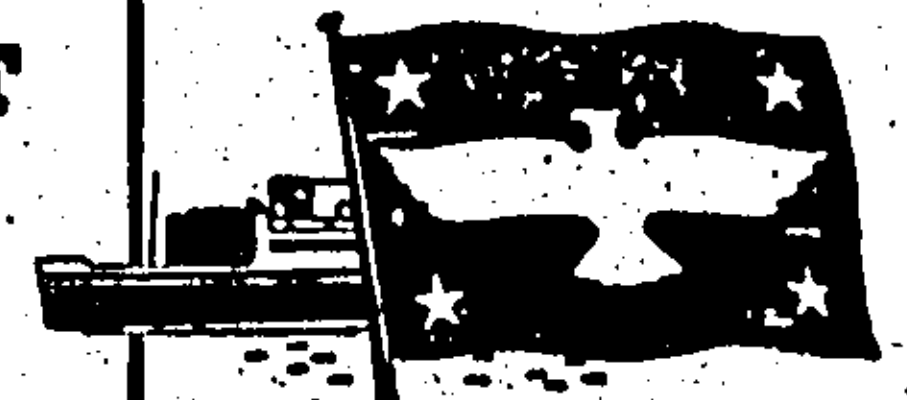
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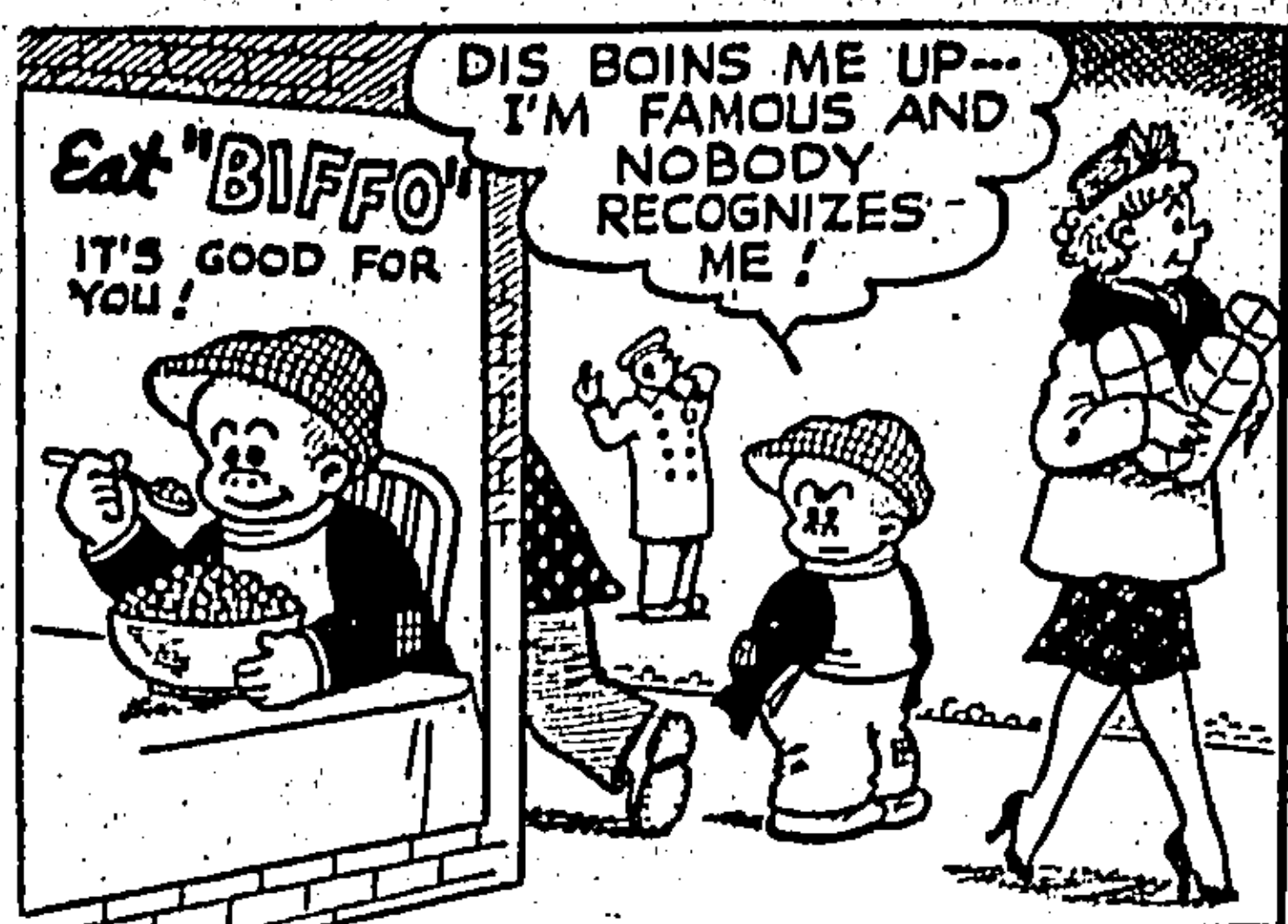
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Norway's Powerful Aid To Allied War Effort

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Details of Norway's war effort in the common fight against Nazi aggression were given by Dr Trygve Lie, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, at a luncheon in honour of Mr Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, United States envoy to the exiled governments of Norway, Poland, Holland and Belgium to-day.

Dr Lie said: "Immediately after the Nazi invasion, a military mission was established in London to enrol Norwegians for military training. Beside resident Norwegians, there were several thousand Norwegian whalers and over 25,000 Norwegian seamen in the merchant fleet. Numerous soldiers and several warships reached England, and the total manpower was therefore quite appreciable. Volunteers have continued to enrol from all parts of the world. Norwegian troops who have been trained in Scotland will participate in the war whenever required. "A detachment from a Scottish camp participated in the Anglo-Norwegian Lofoten expedition. Another Norwegian detachment was established last autumn in Iceland, where they are defending, side by side with their British and Canadian allies an Atlantic outpost which might be used as a jumping off place against other democratic countries.

At Sea

"Norwegian naval forces have been considerably strengthened and Norwegian warships, flying the national flag under Norwegian command, have been placed under the operational command of the British Admiralty. The Norwegian Navy so far has taken over four American destroyers. A large number of Norwegian armed whaling vessels are now engaged in patrolling and conveying."

The Foreign Minister finally referred to the Norwegian merchant fleet amounting to nearly 5,000,000

Little Norway

Mr Biddle declared: "My mission is a token of the United States' appreciation of Norway's war effort. America's policy towards the Allied nations could not have been more clearly stated than it has been by President Roosevelt."

Mr Biddle described his visit to the so-called Little Norway in Toronto, where Norwegian airmen expressed their serious determination to fight until their country's freedom had been secured.

In conversation with "Reuter," Mr Biddle said that he was travelling to Scotland over Easter where he proposed to visit the Norwegian and Polish forces.

Anti-U.S. Posters In Italy

Taking Over Of Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 7 (UP).—Anti-United States posters appeared on the streets of Rome for the first time in history this morning, labelled "Gangsters" and depicting a black claw labelled "U.S.A." grabbing a handful of Italian ships.

Similar anti-British posters have been plastered over Milan, Turin and Naples as well as Rome.

RUMANIA PROTESTS

Alleged Bombing By Yugo-Slavs

BUCHAREST, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—It is confirmed here that Rumania has protested to Yugo-Slavia against alleged attacks by Yugo-Slav aircraft on three Rumanian towns.

An official communique announcing this step says: "Although the Rumanian Government has not committed Rumania in any way in the hostilities with Yugo-Slavia, on whose territory Rumania has Rumanian nationals to defend, the Yugo-Slav Air Force bombed Rumanian territory on April 6 at Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara, killing three people, injuring three others and causing some damage."

Formal Protest

"The Rumanian Government has addressed a formal protest to the Yugo-Slav Government."

"General Antonescu assures the population that all measures for maintaining security and order have been taken. Such grave and disloyal actions can in no way upset the conduct of the Rumanian Government. That, however, does not mean that anyone has the liberty to harm the honour and rights of Rumania."

Absence of Confirmation

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The reports of bombing of towns in Bulgaria and Rumania by Yugo-Slav planes emanate from Axis or Axis-controlled countries, it is pointed out in London, and in the absence of any confirmation from the British press of Yugo-Slav sources, they should be received with the utmost reserve.

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham Inspects Chinese Sappers

An inspection of the Chinese Sappers was made by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Far East, at the Murray Parade Ground this morning.

Sir Robert arrived on the ground accompanied by Major-General A. E. Grossett, G.O.C., and others present included Brigadier A. Peffer, Colonel E. H. M. Clifford, Lieut-Col R. G. Lamb, Captain H. C. Cartwright-Taylor and Major R. E. Moody.

Captain C. E. Otway was in charge of the parade, which comprised 116 men.

After the men had been put through their paces, they marched past with Sir Robert taking the salute. A hollow square was then formed, and Sir Robert congratulated the men on their excellent display.

Sir Robert recalled the fact that he had heard a very long time ago that Chinese were joining the Royal Engineers, and he had been very glad to hear of it. He was sure that the men would carry on the tradition of loyalty and service in peace or in war—a tradition established by their predecessors. Sir Robert concluded by wishing the Corps the very best of luck.

NAZI AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Two German aircraft were destroyed by British fighters, one off the Suffolk coast and the other near Cap. Gris Nez to-day, says the Air Ministry.

There has been little activity over Britain. No bombs were dropped on land.

Yugo-Slavia—Soviet Treaty

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—"Encouraging" was the comment of Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, on the Russo-Yugo-Slav Pact to-day.

He also commented at the press conference on the increasing number of nations becoming acutely aware of the world nature of the movement for the conquest of people by force.

This is the second recent favourable comment on Russia's attitude by a high State Department official, the Assistant Secretary, Mr Sumner Welles, having a few days ago applauded Russia's declaration of neutrality if Turkey were attacked.

WHEAT FOR EIRE Purchases In America

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Thirty thousand tons of wheat have been bought by the Eirean Government from the United States said the Eire Defence Minister, Mr Frank Aitken, who is here at present.

With the Eire Minister to the United States, Mr Brennan, Mr Aitken to-day visited President Roosevelt.

In a subsequent interview, Mr Aitken said that Eire desired to buy American products, including wheat. The supply of arms to Eire is stated to have also been discussed.

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Nanking Threatens Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The decision to release 120 employees of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications who were arrested recently as hostages against further bombing acts against Nanking officials and institutions, is announced by Wang Ching-wei's Ministry of Police. The decision is said to be prompted by repeated requests from responsible authorities of the two banks and other leaders of local banking circles. The announcement hopes that the authorities of the foreign-controlled areas will co-operate in the task of stamping out the "violent acts of the Chungking terrorists because we are determined to take drastic measures to deal with these terrorist activities. If the Chungking agents continue to use the foreign-controlled areas as a base for their criminal activities, we shall be forced to take effective measures to liquidate the situation."

R.A.F. Bomb Sofia

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bombers this morning made six bomb hits on the Kuenkirchen airfield, wounding several persons. Both planes were shot down by Hungarian anti-aircraft guns. The "Magyar Orszag" reports that two Yugo-Slav planes were shot down at Pecs, making to-day's total ten. The paper said that two bombs hit a passenger train at Gothard, killing one woman and a five-year-old boy.

State of Alarm
BERNE, Apr. 7 (UP).—The Magyar Telegraph Agency's Budapest correspondent reports that the Hungarian Minister of Defence, General Charles de Bérth, has ordered a state of alarm and a state of passive defence to be effective immediately throughout the country, with the establishment of a blackout. The population is urged to remain quiet.

Official Report
CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that German military concentrations in Sofia and motor transport in the Struma Valley were heavily bombed last night.

How Addis Ababa Fell To British

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road towards Maji in the south-western corner of Abyssinia.

Debra Marcos Slaughter
KHARTOUM, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—With the fall of Debra Marcos, practically the whole province of Gofjam is freed from Italian domination. The Italian defence of the town continued seven days, during which the Italians lost 250 dead and 800 wounded. Guns, machine-guns, automobiles and ammunition stocks were captured in considerable quantities. The Italians who are now retreating towards the Blue Nile are closely pursued by the British.

WELL PLANNED RETREAT

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in progressing most satisfactorily and might be over within a few days."

Withdrawal Resumed
CAIRO, Apr. 7 (UP).—To-day's general headquarters communique states that the British withdrawal in Libya has been resumed in the face of strong Italian and German forces. Debra Marcos has been occupied by Abyssinian patrol forces.

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N. CHINA LABOUR Restrictions Lifted
SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH
PEKING, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—One of the major hindrances to the importation of labour from North China into Manchuria has gone with the removal of the restrictions on the remittance of workers destined for North China as well as those on the sums of money to be carried on the person of workers.

Hitherto, under Manchukuo foreign exchange control regulations, ordinary workers have been unable to send more than Yuan 60 a month per capita while the maximum for a special technician has been fixed at Yuan 120. The restrictions have brought about difficulties in recruiting labour from North China because of the difficulties of sending remittances to labour families in North China. An agreement removing the restrictions has recently been reached between the authorities of Manchukuo and North China.

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Reported Yugo-Slavian Advance Into Albania

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, APR. 7 (UP).—FIERCE FIGHTING IS REPORTED TO BE TAKING PLACE IN THE VITAL RUPEL PASS ON THE NORTH GREEK FRONTIER, WHERE ONE SEGMENT OF HITLER'S BALKAN ARMY, TOTALLING ABOUT 150,000 MEN ARE INVOLVED.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE ARE ATTACKING THE INVADERS TO GAIN AERIAL CONTROL OVER THE PASS.

THE GERMANS ADMIT THAT THE GREEKS ARE STIFFLY RESISTING.

Great British Army Ready To Fight In Greece

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, APR. 7 (UP).—The official silence concerning the presence of British troops in Greece has now been broken. It is officially announced that a British Expeditionary Force has arrived in Greece.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Quarter Million Men Out of War

LONDON, APR. 7 (Reuter).—Well over a quarter of a million Italians have been taken prisoner, killed or wounded in Africa and Albania, according to an estimate issued here to-day.

The total is 233,000, including 140,000 prisoners in Libya; 20,000 in Eritrea and Abyssinia; and 30,000 in Italian Somaliland.

The total for Albania is 92,000 and includes 20,000 prisoners, 20,000 killed and 52,000 wounded.

British casualties in all African fights up to February 23 are estimated at 604 killed and 2,362 other losses.

U.S. Army For Europe If Necessary

Congressman's Opinion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WOODWARD, Okla. Apr. 7 (UP).—Representative Ross Rizley, in a speech here to-night, declared that it was "the consensus of opinion amongst Congressional leaders" that the United States would send an expeditionary force to Europe "if Britain cannot handle Germany." He predicted that United States warships will convoy freighters to Europe "if such a course becomes necessary to get materials to the Allies."

PETAIN FACES CLEAR ISSUES

LONDON, APR. 7 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a special appeal for national unity to-day from the Lyons radio, said: "It is a matter of honour for us to do nothing against our former ally. The necessary provisioning of the country imposes a sacred duty on us."
"Admiral Darlan has my entire confidence."
"The Government has no other cause to defend but that of France and there is no other manner of being faithful to France but by standing by the Government."

Another German army of about 150,000 men is attacking Yugo-Slavia from Bulgaria and Rumania, while a third army of 300,000 Germans is invading Yugo-Slavia from the north. The Italians have 100,000 men threatening Yugo-Slavia from the northwest.

Approximately 2,000,000 men are opposing the Germans on several fronts, including 1,000,000 Yugo-Slavs, 80,000 Greeks and between 100,000 and 300,000 British.

VARDAR THE OBJECTIVE

ISTANBUL, APR. 7 (UP).—A British military official to-day revealed that one of the most important German thrusts is from the vicinity of Petritch through the valley leading to the Vardar.

He added that it is now understood that one of the secret provisions for Yugo-Slavia's adherence to the tripartite pact was the cession of the Vardar Valley to Bulgaria.

Yugo-Slavs Occupy Fiume, Zara & Scutari

NEW YORK, APR. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Colombia Broadcasting Company, quoting an Ankara report, the Yugo-Slavs are said to have occupied Fiume, which is in northeast Italy, Zara, Italian port on the Dalmatian coast, and Scutari in Albania.

THRACE EVACUATION
LONDON, APR. 7 (Reuter).—The Greek High Command communique, according to the Athens radio to-night, states: "The German attack continues with the same violence and is being resisted by small Greek forces."

ALBANIAN FRONT
"On the Albanian front, a strong offensive by the Greeks resulted in the capture of 500 prisoners."

ATTACK ON HUNGARY?
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, APR. 7 (UP).—Radio Ankara unconditionally reported to-day that the Yugo-Slavs had made a lightning attack on Hungary in the direction of Szeged.

It was also reported, without confirmation, that the Yugo-Slavs had occupied the Italian port of Zara, and had captured Scutari in Albania. Scutari is 20 miles inland from the Adriatic coast.

German Parachutists Land in Macedonia

ATHENS, APR. 7 (Reuter).—Parachutists and propaganda leaflets were dropped in Macedonia yesterday, stated an official spokesman to-night. A number of parachutists had been captured, he said.

The leaflets dropped by the German pilots professed German friendship for the Greek people "whom they wished to preserve from the horrors of war."

"The main German thrust," added the Greek spokesman, "is at Bolles and along the Struma Valley, but all along the frontier from Bolles their divisions snatched us in the back while our army was confronting another aggressor."

Operations Against Albania

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, APR. 7 (UP).—The Ankara radio announced to-day that Yugo-Slav troops have commenced operations on the Yugo-Slav-Albania border.

It is reported from the Greece-Bulgarian frontier that despite heavy German attacks, the Germans have not yet succeeded in breaking through the Greek defences.

It is understood that the Yugo-Slavs are successfully resisting the German attacks and an unconfirmed report says they have captured a dozen German tanks.

Military observers regarded the situation as "very satisfactory."

Berlin Claims Advances

BERLIN, APR. 7 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the German troops on the Serbian-Greek frontier are continually advancing. Resistance of enemy fortified positions was overcome after a fierce battle.

Croats to Break Away?

ROME, APR. 7 (UP).—M. Ante Pavelic, former Chairman of the Yugo-Slavian Senate and now head of the Croat National Movement, has wired to Mussolini stating that various Croatian Nationalists will fight with the Italian troops against Yugo-Slavs. He proclaimed an "independent Croat state."

New Military Measure

ROME, APR. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that until further notice Italy and Germany will close down all communications with the TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

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Britain's Budget; Compulsory Lending To The Government

LONDON, APR. 7 (Reuter).—The following are a few budget snaps: The British taxpayer is called on to pay an extra £205,000,000 in a full year. The income tax rate is increased by 1s. 6d. to 10s. with a reduction of abatements on lower incomes. An income tax and surtax of 19s. 6d. in the pound on the largest incomes. An estimated total expenditure during the year of £4,207,000,000.

R.A.F. Bomb Sofia: Belgrade Avenged

CAIRO, APR. 7 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. quickly replied to the German air attack on Belgrade by bombing German military concentrations at Sofia last night, says a Middle East communique.

A station and marshalling yards, railway junction, warehouses, motor transports and a large factory were heavily bombed. There were many explosions and one very large fire and several smaller ones.

In one case, trucks were seen to be hurled into the air. After carrying out their bombing attack, the aircraft dived and machine-gunned their objectives and motor transport on the roads in the Struma Valley. Considerable damage was caused.

All the aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to their base.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, APR. 7 (UP).—A report from Budapest to the official news agency states that two Yugo-Slav bombers this morning made six bomb hits on the Kuenkirehen airfield, wounding several persons. Both planes were shot down by Hungarian anti-aircraft guns.

The "Mazyr Orszag" reports that two Yugo-Slav planes were shot down at Pecs, making to-day's total. The paper said that two bombs TURN to Page 2, Column One

TOKYO PAPER SUSPICIOUS

TOKYO, APR. 8 (Reuter).—The Army organ, "Kokumin Shinbun," suspects a Soviet-United States agreement and warns Japan to be wary in future of Soviet-United States moves, commenting on the Soviet-Yugo-Slav Pact.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" adds that the Japanese should not allow themselves "the least bit of optimism" on future relations with Russia and the United States.

The "Asahi Shinbun" says that under the name of peaceful neutral policy, Russia has gained a political advantage in the Balkans and adds that the German-Russian relations must be watched carefully but there was no immediate danger of their rupture.

MURDER TRIAL IN KENYA

Expert Evidence

NAIROBI, APR. 7 (Reuter).—The Government Analyst, Mr H. M. Fox, was the chief witness when the hearing of the charge against Sir Delves Broughton of murdering the Earl of Erroll was resumed here to-day.

Mr Fox said that he was satisfied that both bullets fired at Lord Erroll and the bullets found at the farm where Broughton practised with a revolver were fired from the same weapon.

The hearing was adjourned till April 15.

How Addis Ababa Fell To British Forces

CAIRO, APR. 7 (Reuter).—An official communique states: "On the evening of April 5, our leading troops entered Addis Ababa. The Viceroy and Government had left the city."

"As a result of messages dropped by us on April 1, an envoy from the Viceroy of Italian East Africa flew to our lines on April 3 when conditions were presented to him to ensure the safety of the civil population of Addis Ababa in the event of fighting round the city."

Normal Routine
NAIROBI, APR. 7 (Reuter).—Armoured cars led the British column into Addis Ababa on Saturday. They found the city in charge of the Italian police, who formally surrendered it.

"Spend as little as possible. Lend as much as possible." This was the appeal made by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when outlining before the House of Commons to-day his schemes for financing what he termed "the most expensive war in history."

The figures he quoted were astronomical but the House of Commons heard him calmly because the country is by now insured to high levels of taxation and was fully prepared to hear much worse from the Chancellor's lips.

Object of Chancellor
Sir Kingsley said quite frankly that the object of his taxation proposals was to make a considerable cut in purchasing power during the war to avoid the ever-present dangers of inflation.

Taxes on income as announced by the Chancellor ranged over the whole social sphere. Basically the income tax is raised by 1s. 6d. to 10s. in the pound with a lessening of abatements from the lower end of the scale and with a tightening of taxation at the other. Thus a single man earning 45s. a week who paid no income tax last year will pay 2s. a week.

In his particular instance, the whole payment will be treated as credit to the individual in the Post TURN to Page 2, Column Seven

The Union Jack now flies over the Palace formerly occupied by the Emperor, Haile Selassie, and the city seems to be very rapidly resuming normal life. It is now revealed that General Santini, one of the leading Italian commanders, narrowly escaped the second time being captured. Meanwhile the Duke of Aosta, the Italian Viceroy, and the military chiefs and forces accompanying him are reported to be making their way to the north.

Zilmanu Occupied
KHARTOUM, APR. 7 (UP).—The British have occupied Zilmanu on the TURN to Back Page, Column 3

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German Ships Scuttled

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TORONTO, Apr. 7 (UP).—The Minister of Navy, Mr. Angus Macdonald, to-day announced that a Canadian cruiser had intercepted two unnamed German steamers off the Pacific coast of South America—vessels of 5,000 and 8,000 tons respectively. Both ships scuttled themselves.

R.A.F. Bomb Sofia

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hit a passenger train at Gothard, killing one woman and a five-year-old boy.

State of Alarm
BERNE, Apr. 7 (UP).—The Magyar Telegraph Agency's Budapest correspondent reports that the Hungarian Minister of Defence, General Charles de Bartha, has ordered a state of alarm and a state of passive defence to be effective immediately throughout the country, with the establishment of a blackout. The population is urged to remain quiet.

Official Report
CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that German military concentrations in Sofia and motor transport in the Struma Valley were heavily bombed last night.

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Best Brains For British Budget

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—The famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, the champion of compulsory saving, left his office in the Treasury tonight with the knowledge that 4,000,000 British tax-payers will participate in a form of his long-advocated and hotly-opposed scheme of compulsory saving.

Last July, Mr. Keynes was appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer with other economists, commercial and industrial chiefs to the Treasury Consultative Committee, which has been described as the "Exchequer brains trust."

Doubtless the proposal was devised there.

Mr. Keynes had no comment to make on the budget.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 A Variety Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—British "Speaks".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Falapo.

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8.20 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

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9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Compositions of Schumann.

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9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 Gounod's "Faust" Acts IV and V.

Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Marguerite, Miriam Licette (Soprano); Mephistopheles, Robert Easton (Bass); Siebel, Doris Vane (Soprano); Valentine, Harold Williams (Baritone); Faust, Eddie Nash (Tenor) with The B.B.C. Choir and Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 Close Down.

Japanese In South America

TOKYO, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—In order to study measures regarding alleged restrictions placed on 200,000 Japanese residents in Latin America at United States' instigation, officials of the Japanese Foreign Office and the various Ministries concerned at noon to-day held the first of a series of monthly conferences in which future steps relating to Japanese migration, commerce and precautions against the influence of Third Powers were discussed, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

Baron Osomi Story Again

SHUUKWAN, Apr. 7 (Central News).—An exhibition of war spoils captured from the Japanese has been opened here. On display are the uniform, medals, sword, sabre and other personal effects of the late Admiral Baron M. Osomi who was killed in an aeroplane crash on February 5.

Other exhibits include flags, ensigns, arms of various sorts, documents, maps and photos captured at Lupo, Tolshan and other parts of southern Kwangtung.

N.E.I. CHINESE PATRIOTISM

Mr Chiu Yuan-yung, prominent Chinese merchant from the Netherlands East Indies has left here to pay his respects to Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on behalf of the Chinese residents in the N.E.I.

Mr Chiu has decided to establish a glass factory at Melhsien, Kwangtung, his native town, with a capital of \$200,000. He has been in business in Batavia for many years. A fervent patriot, he has donated some \$500,000 personally to China's war fund.

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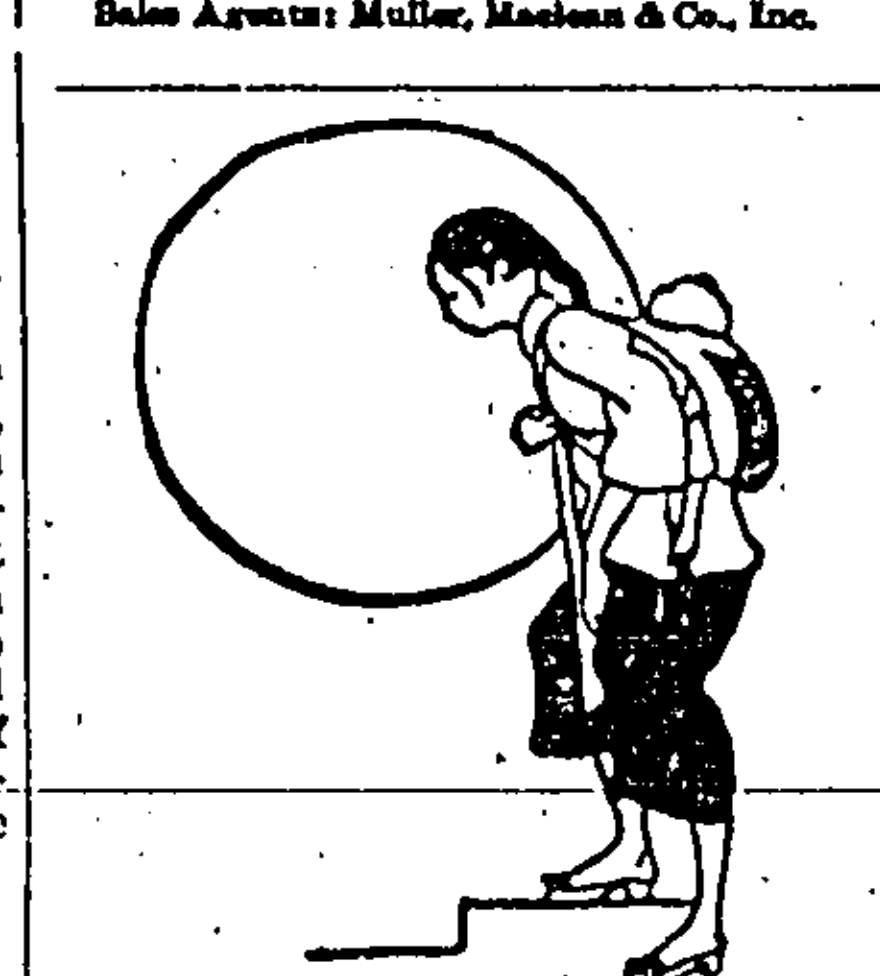
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Britain's Budget

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Office Savings Bank. At the other end of the scale, income tax and surtax will absorb 18s 6d in the pound, leaving to the individual exactly 6d in the pound.

Firm Resolve

"The whole world," said Sir Kingsley amidst loud cheers, "will see in this still further and substantial evidence of our firm resolve to leave nothing undone to achieve victory, whatever the cost."

Under the new taxation, Sir Kingsley explained that in order to enjoy a tax-free income of £5,000 a year, it would be necessary for an individual to have a gross income of £60,000—"and very few to-day have incomes of that sum," he added, amidst ironical cheers.

Explaining the reduction in abatements on smaller incomes more fully, the Chancellor intimated that the extra tax which the small wage-earner would pay would be offset after the war by credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

As an example, he cited the case of a married man with two children with an earned income of £350 a year, who last year would have paid £5 8s 4d.

Under the new budget, the same man will pay £24 7s 6d, but of the increase of approximately £19 there will be paid to him after the war a sum of £17 8s 6d.

Up The Scale

As one moves up the income tax scale, so proportions to be dealt with in the form of credit in the Savings Bank decline. Thus a married man with two children and an earned income of £1,000 a year will pay over £300 income tax under the new proposals—an increase of £80.

In this instance, only little more than £48 will be treated as Savings Bank credit.

Altogether Sir Kingsley estimated the yield of income tax for the current year at £695,000,000, an increase of £81,000,000. He indicated that last year's collection of income tax was itself a record, amounting to £524,000,000 which was £13,000,000 in excess of the estimate.

Excess Profits

Dealing with industry the Chancellor intimated that the excess profits tax would remain at 100 per cent. This tax he said, was directed primarily to ensuring that in wartime when the whole nation had to bear sacrifices, the increased production which war required would not become the means of enrichment as in the last war. But he added, it was one thing to take the profit out of the war; it was another to tax businesses in such a way as to leave them worse off at the end of the war than at the beginning.

Therefore, he proposed at the end of the war that 20 per cent. of the net 100 per cent. of tax should be returned to industry to assist in reconstruction.

The Chancellor made no proposals for increasing the tax on tobacco, wines, spirits and similar commodities.

Cash expenditure is budgeted at £4,207,000,000 without including United States Lease and Lend supplies which would raise the Government's total expenditure "far beyond £5,000,000,000," compared with £3,884,000,000 during the past year.

Domestic Expenditure

Excluding the increased balances of British Dominions, India, and other overseas "sterling" countries, domestic expenditure becomes £3,705,000,000 which will be covered by a tax revenue of £1,036,000,000 on the existing basis of taxation and £1,600,000,000 from the present basis of private savings, leaving a gap of about £500,000,000 which Sir Kingsley proposes to fill in roughly equal halves from the new taxation to yield £250,000,000 this year and £250,000,000 in a full year and from the new private savings estimated to produce between £200,000,000 and £300,000,000.

This domestic expenditure of £3,705,000,000 compares with £2,055,000,000 during the first year of the war and an annual rate of £3,100,000,000 in the first half of the second year, thus indicating a continued expansion of the war effort.

The exclusion of the Lease and Lend supplies follows the traditional procedure since the British Budget was always framed on a strictly cash basis.

Keynes' Plan

Sir Kingsley's proposal that reductions in individual income tax allowances will be offset by post-war credit in the Post Office Savings Bank introduces a modified form of Mr J. M. Keynes' plan for compulsory savings.

The Budget's excess profits concessions to extra-active industries producing metals and oil will be welcomed by overseas mining companies registered in the United Kingdom on whom this tax has previously fallen as an effective levy on capital.

In the broader economic field, the Budget makes a big advance by extending the policy of price stabilization with the aim of holding wages at about the present level which will greatly contribute to the avoidance of inflation.

Britain's success in avoiding inflation hitherto could not continue if wages were allowed to rise unrestrainedly.

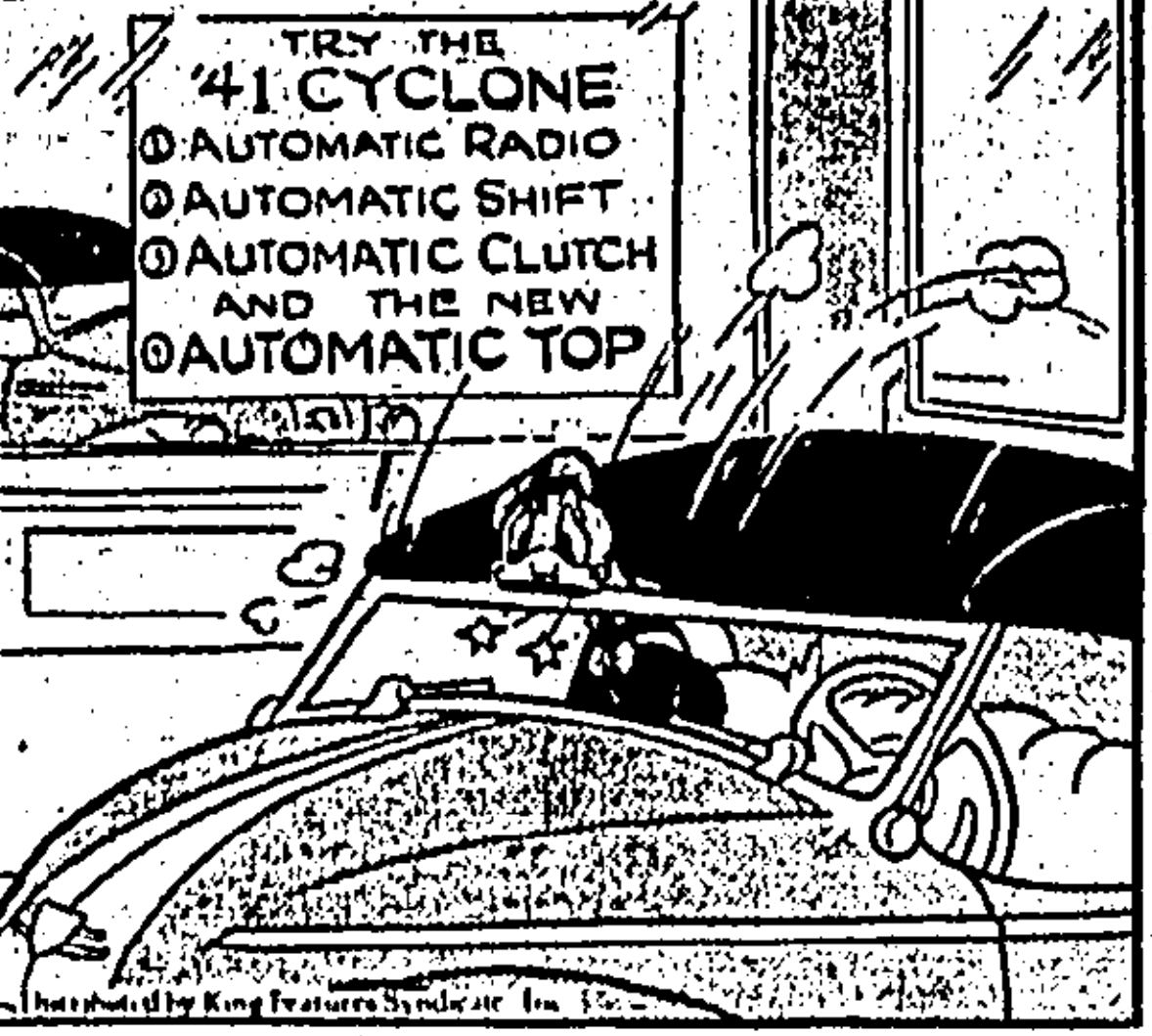
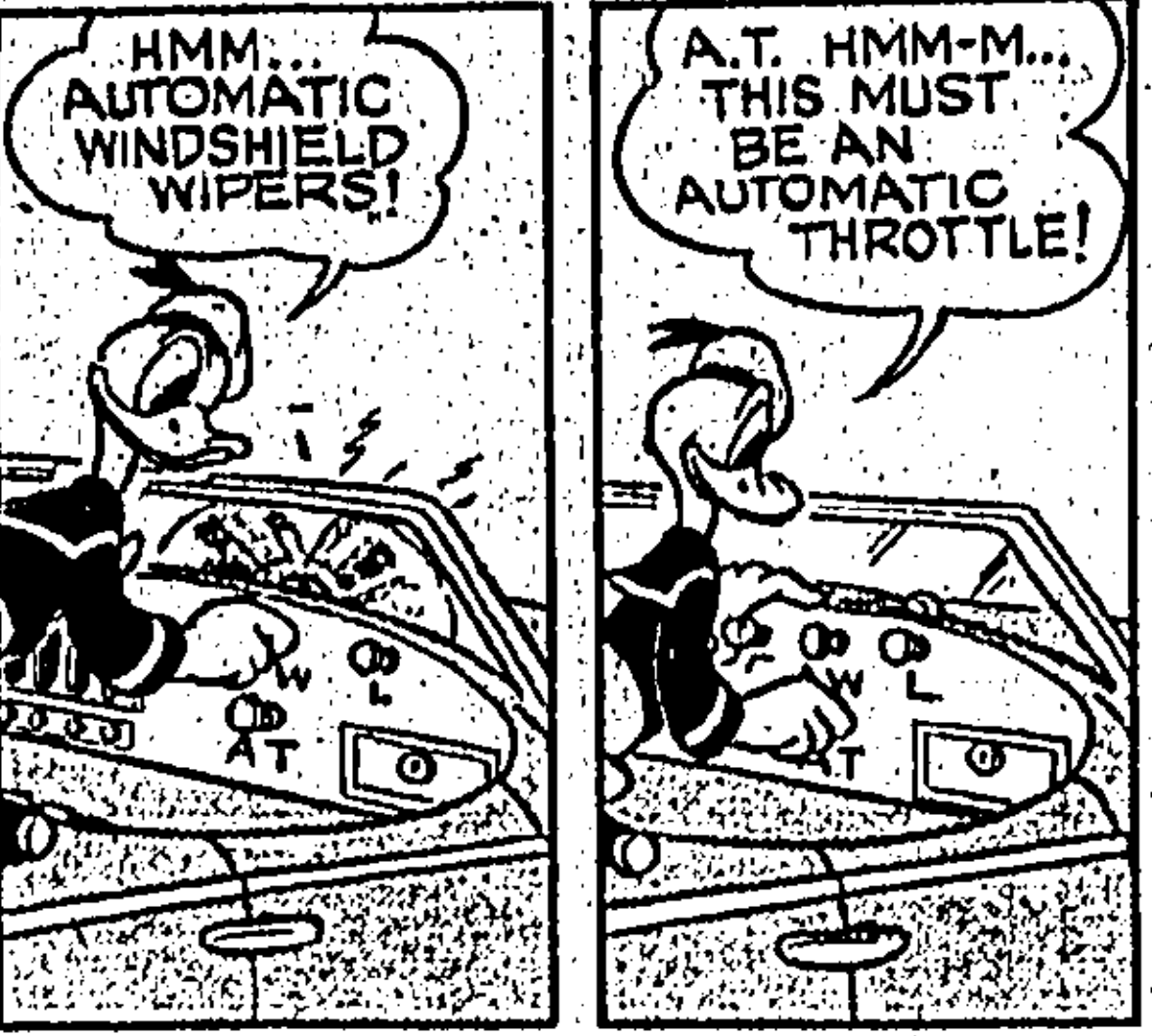
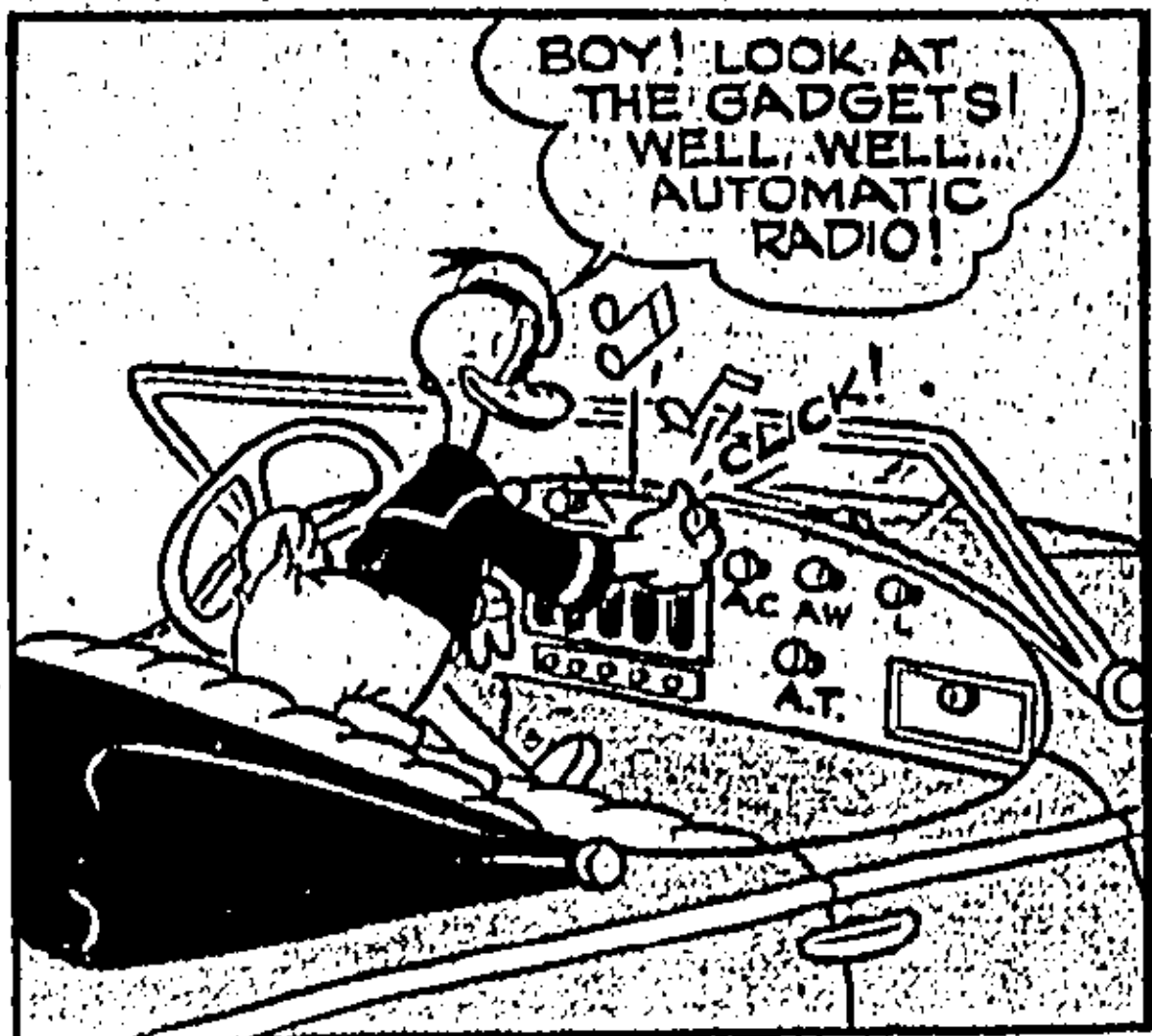
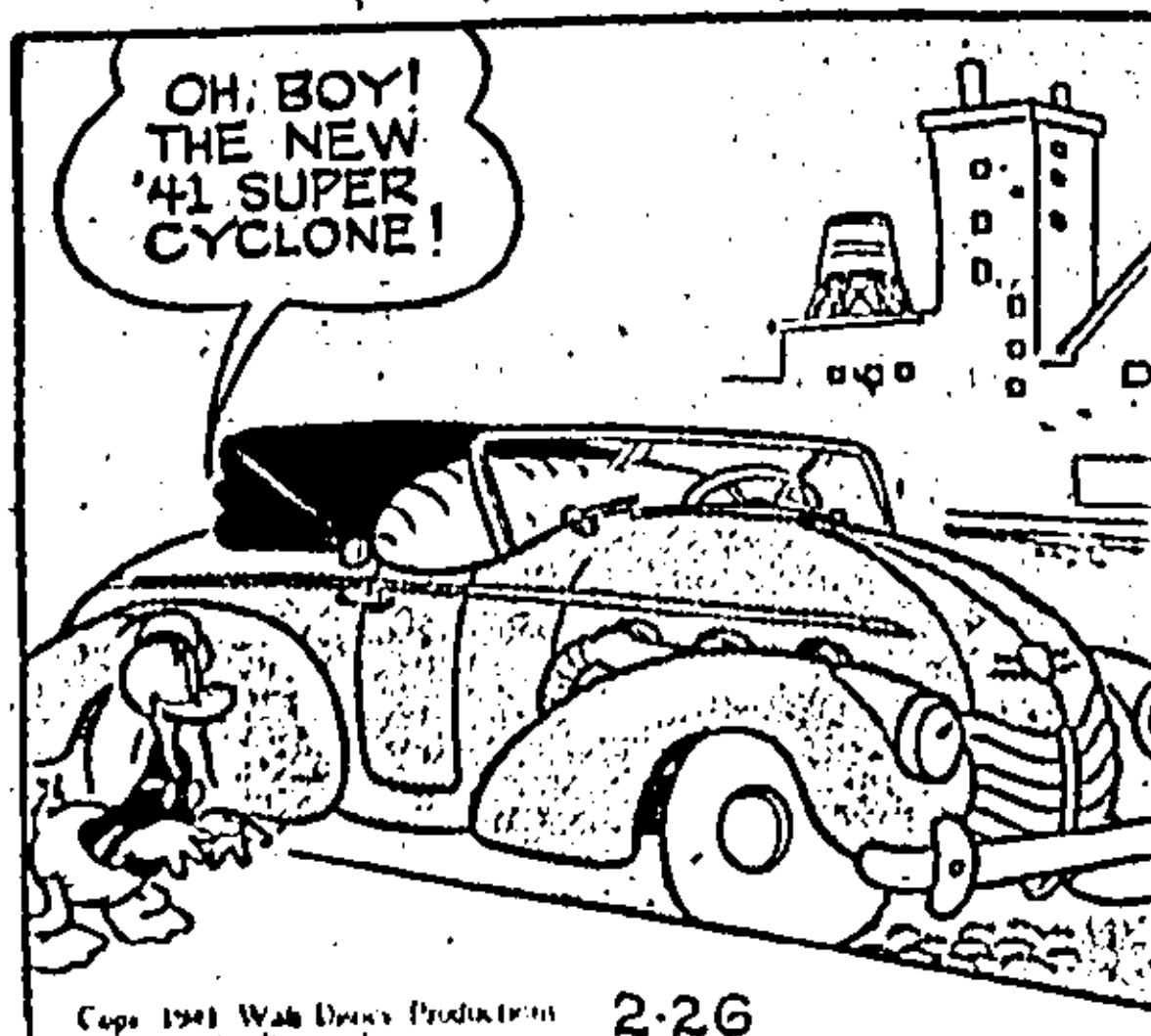
Income tax and surtax rising to 97.5 per cent. on the highest incomes typifies the Budget's Spartan character.

Defence Billions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day signed the \$4,389,000,000 fifth supplemental defence appropriations bill which contains funds for the purchase of 4,750 new war planes and critical equipment for an army of 4,000,000 men.

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OUR GREAT NEW ARMY

NINTH ARTICLE

By
H. V. Morton

It is said that an old lady, on hearing that her nephew had joined an Octu, remarked that she had no idea the Russians had come in on our side.

The word Octu, which is now heard upon the lips of so many thousands of our young men, is the Army abbreviation for Officer Cadet Training Unit.

It will be agreed that, of all the abbreviations created by this War, it easily wins first prize for ugliness.

It is now the rule that every officer in the new Army must first serve six months in the ranks, but I heard a rumour in the War Office the other day that this period may be shortened.

The need for officers continues to be urgent in an Army that is expanding so rapidly.

In Three Months

At the present time, however, a suitable candidate, having completed six months service as a private soldier, is recommended by his commanding officer to one of the training units.

Here an eighteen months' course is crammed into three months, and if at the end of that time the young man passes his examinations he goes on



Officers-to-be receive instruction in the use of Bren guns.

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leave to await the appearance of his name in the "London Gazette" and the arrival of a parchment from the King.

This parchment is his commission, an interesting word which dates from the time before there was a standing army, when noblemen raised levies by Royal Command by virtue of a warrant, or commission, signed by the Monarch.

The wording of a commission is still pleasantly archaic. It reads: "Given at our Court of Saint James's by His Majesty's command to our Trusty and Well Beloved... Greeting; We do by these Presents Constitute and Appoint you to be second-lieutenant of our Land Forces."

On receiving this document, the new lieutenant may wear officer's uniform and put up the badge of his rank—one star, or pip, as it is commonly called, and go out to acknowledge his first salute.

All Equal

In the eyes of the Army Council, all Octus are equal. They all work the same syllabus, except, of course, those who train specialists, such as signallers, and they all turn out their cadets to the same specified standard.

Even Sandhurst and its opposite number, Woolwich, known to the Army as "the Shop," are ordinary Octus to-day, and there are now no special privileges attached to either of those two famous training grounds for the Regular Army.

Sandhurst alone has one speciality: all officers destined for the Brigade of Guards must go there, but otherwise a cadet may just as easily find himself at Sandhurst as anywhere else.

Thinking it would be interesting to see Sandhurst functioning as a democratic Octu, I went there the other morning and was fortunate enough to arrive in a brief gleam of winter sunshine.

Good To Look At

I had no idea that Sandhurst is so good to look at. It is a huge, low Regency stucco building set in the middle of a lovely park.

Like the Hymnal it may be divided into Ancient and Modern: the ancient is the grand Regency building with old cannon standing in front of it, and the modern is a vast and regrettable Edwardian extension which has only one virtue, that from many neighbouring viewpoints it is invisible.

As I drove through the park and came within sight of the dignified old building, I thought for a moment that Sandhurst had changed its sex.

Women In Khaki

Lifted high for all to see, on a terrace in front of the main building marched and counter-marched a company of young women in khaki.

They were dressed and drilled by a sergeant of the Guards, with sick tucked under his arm, pointing north and south, while the ends of a wadded moustache pointed east and west, and his voice could be heard booming, "Hut—BOUR—toun!" He strode with out-thrust chest at their heels, and with them without above, as if they were brothers.

I reflected that women who say they resent discipline and authority

and prefer to be treated as men, would have a grand time in the A.T.S. at Sandhurst!

I found the Orderly Room, where the Adjutant told me the strength of the unit.

They are all sorts: young men for the Guards; young men for the Infantry; young men for the Royal Armoured Corps; young men who bear the names of field-marshal and generals; young men whose names are as yet unknown to military fame.

They come from public schools, county schools, from offices, from factories, from near, from far, even from New Zealand and Australia. Sandhurst is now divided into two wings: an infantry wing and a Royal Armoured Corps wing. The course is a strenuous one, and a man has to work hard if he aspires to pass with credit.

How They Study!

Divided into eleven main subjects, a Sandhurst course consists of a total of 672 periods of study, devoted in varying degree to those subjects.

An idea of the comparative importance which they occupy in the training of an officer may be gathered from the number of periods devoted to each.

Tactics come first, by a long way, with 226 periods; then comes Weapon Training with 82, Company Command with 64, Map Reading with 55, Field Engineering with 54, Drill with 49, Physical Training with 43, Mechanical Vehicle Training with 40, Organisation and Military Law with 29, Special Lectures with 19, and Anti-Gas Training with 11.

All these main subjects split up into a bewildering series of subdivisions.

Take one of the most simple—Organisation and Military Law.

This boils down to more than 20 separate subjects of military importance, such as organisation, supply in war, evacuation of wounded, ordnance services, battalion and company administration, messing, taking over a company, office work, censorship, security, prisoners, reinforcements, billeting and hygiene.

Not A Rest Cure

But this is a simple affair, which the Sandhurst cadet takes in his stride, compared, for instance, with Tactics.

This subject involves 10 lectures, eight discussions, ten sand-table exercises, six demonstrations and 10 outdoor schemes and exercises, including a number of night operations.

So if anybody thinks a modern Octu is a rest cure, he had better think again.

As I was shown over Sandhurst, I realised, without having to be told, that it is, with a number of other candidates thrown in, and that is not a bad idea.

The extra polish they put on Sandhurst cadets must make them welcome wherever they go.

I visited lecture-rooms, demonstration rooms and wireless rooms, coming at length to the stables where cadets of the Household Cavalry once groomed their chargers. Those fine stables, the downy rooms where earnest groups of cadets bend over the controls of military vehicles.

While some cadets were exercising their brains indoors, others were perfecting their footwork outdoors, to an

accompaniment of those inhuman barks and roars which are the official language of a Guards instructor.

It seemed to me that, as if to underline the Guards tradition and to set a good example to the young men, Guards sergeants stamp a bit harder at Sandhurst than elsewhere, and stand more rigidly to attention.

Discipline is obviously strict, and manners are correspondingly good.

When, accompanied by an officer, I made a tour of the huge building, passing down long corridors, young men instantly froze at our approach, and even groups late for a lecture, coming down a side turning at about fifty miles an hour, managed to pull up sharply and stand with the thumbs on the seams of the trousers!

"It's Heaven!"

I encountered a young man, the son of a distinguished general, who has just completed six months as a private at a Guards depot—I asked him if he noticed any difference.

"Oh yes, sir," he replied promptly. "Sandhurst is heaven, sir."

I have often noticed what very odd ideas of heaven some people possess.

But Sandhurst has certain definite advantages which must shine out almost like the fires of hell in a hard life.

Cadets have comfortable quarters, two and three to a room, and one school servant between every three or five cadets—I forget the exact number.

It is the only Octu, I think, in which the cadets are allowed the privilege of bathing.

Then the dining-hall is good, and the food at least smells good, and is served by neat and pretty members of the A.T.S.

If I were a cadet, the magnificent library would attract me (but I wonder how much time cadets have for it), and I should also welcome service in the beautiful Byzantine chapel, on whose walls are painted every regiment in the British Army has a memorial to officers (former Sandhurst cadets) who fell in the last war.

There are more than 4,000 names inscribed on panels, each one surmounted by a regimental crest.

Two Stories

The Chaplain told me that Sandhurst was visited by a German military mission not long before the war.

One of its members, noting that the names of the fallen do not completely fill all the panels, remarked with typical Teutonic humour: "I see you have left plenty of room for more."

But another story I heard at Sandhurst was far removed from such grim matters. It concerns a young cadet who was anxious to do the right thing.

At the earliest possible moment he presented himself before the sergeant-major and asked if he liked to be referred to as "sir."

The sergeant-major did not actually burst, but with his chest inflated to the full, gave tongue to the following unpunctuated sentence:

"I'm - sir-to-you-sir-and-you're-sir-to-me-sir-and-don't-you-forget-it-sir."

Here's Luck!

I cannot bid good-bye to Sandhurst without saying that to a man of middle-age who was a cadet in the last war, meeting again that flood-tide of youth, so like the boys I remember, was a stirring and heartening experience.

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2—Scavenger

3—Write between lines

4—Small bird

5—Stained

6—Roman recess

7—Small

8—Distorted shape

9—Pencil

10—Prefix together

11—Negative

12—Article

13—Stuttering syllable

14—Animal

15—Labyrinth

16—Norse epic

17—African river

18—Insect

19—Demonstrative

20—Per fear that

21—Quarry, arcarbon

22—And it

23—Dip

24—While

25—Toll

26—Waste

27—Roman road

28—Swiss river

29—Pique

DOWN

1—Among

2—Some

3—Kind of meat

4—Metric measure

5—Wet with pain

6—Lubricant

7—Girl's name

8—Symbol, tantum

9—Girl's name

10—Greek power

11—Take by force

12—Exclamation

13—Exclamation

14—Exclamation

15—Small mounds

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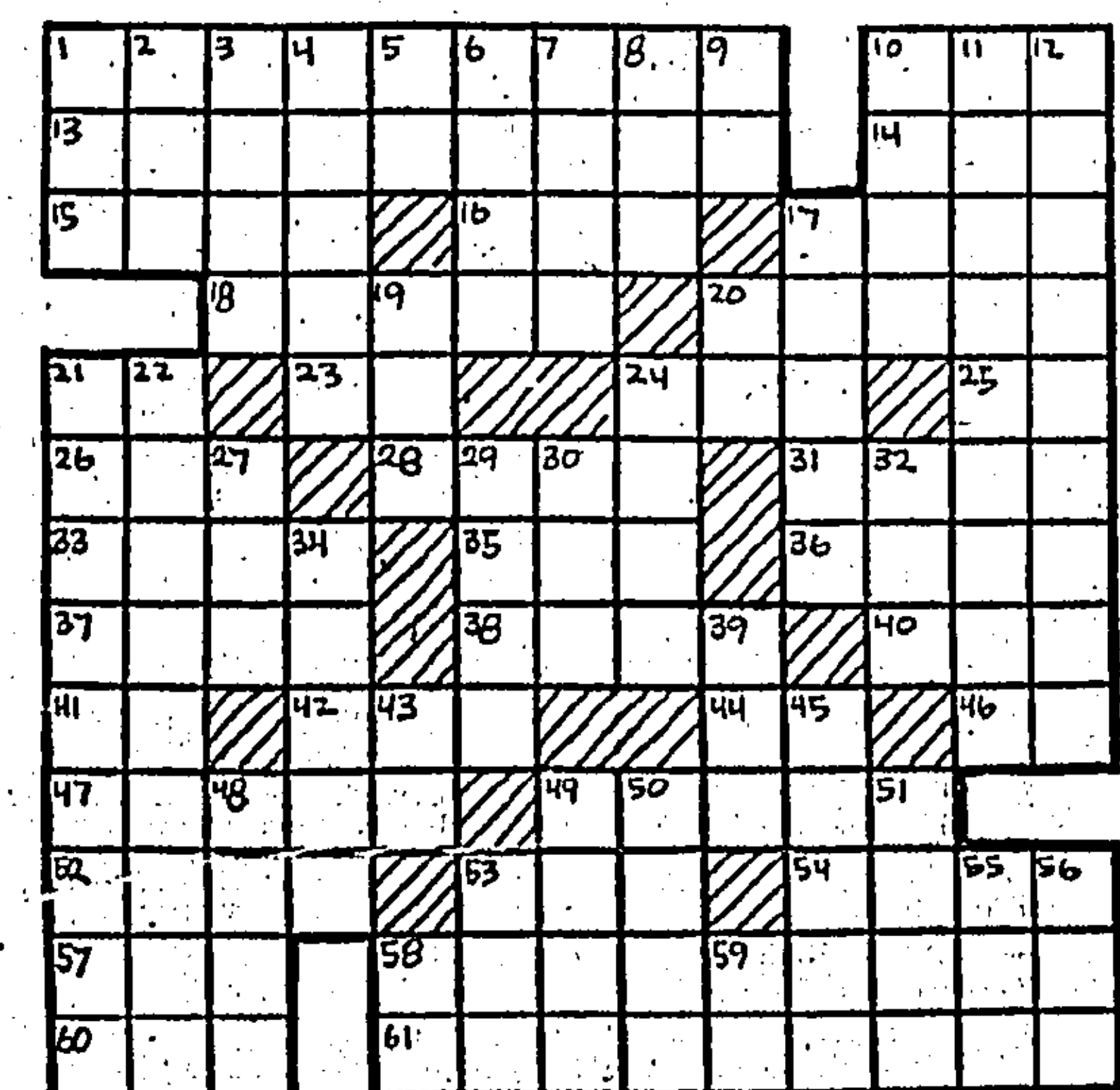
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Stole Lead From Newspaper

For larceny of four bars of lead, valued at \$2.30 from the South China Morning Post, Ltd., on April 7, Yan Choo, 30, linotypist, of No. 15 Luen Fat Street, second floor, was ordered to pay \$50 or in default six weeks' hard labour by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning.

Lam Yung-fai, assistant, was the complainant.

Sub-Inspector Whelan said that at 11.15 a.m. Defendant was stopped and

searched at Star Street, Central District, by a Chinese detective. After the lead had been found concealed about his trousers he was taken to Central Police Station where he admitted the theft.

Five Years' Work

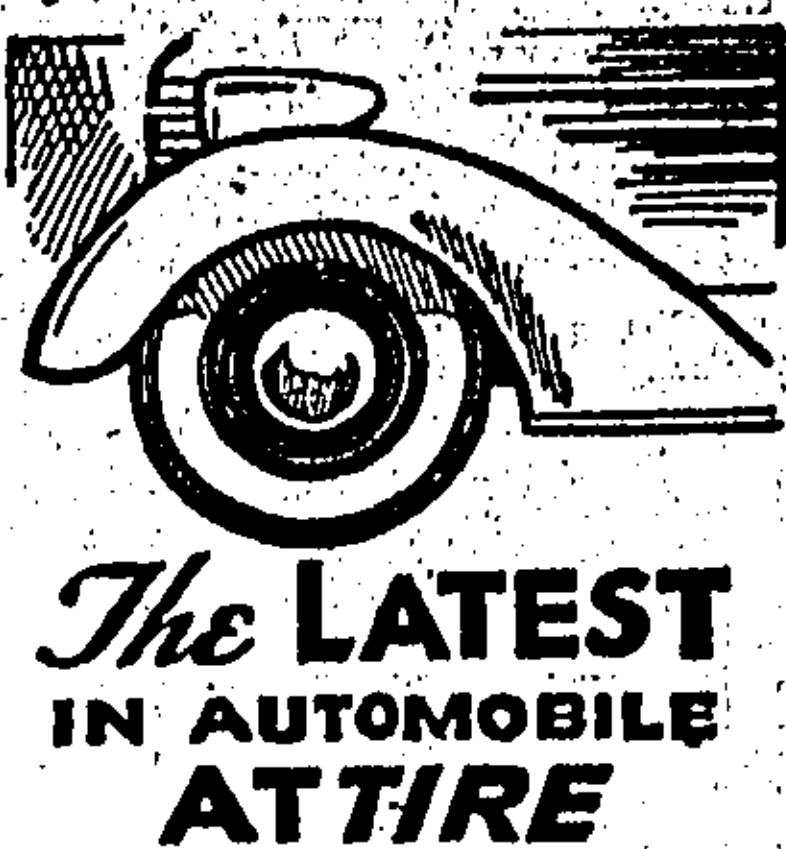
Defendant had been employed by the South China Morning Post, Ltd. for five years with monthly wages of \$40. He had a fairly good record.

His Worship said that it was most foolish of Defendant to commit the crime and that he imposed a light fine in view of his good record.

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PARACHUTISTS

THOSE who have already been worried about the possibility of the Germans using the British uniforms which they captured before Dunkirk for the disguise of parachutists to be planted on this country, will not be reassured by the reply given recently to a question in the House of Commons.

The War Secretary indicated that efforts have been made to get supplies of battle dress and greatcoats through to our prisoners of war in Germany, but he could not give an assurance that they had reached or would reach those for whom they are intended.

At first glance it might seem foolish to send these uniforms into Germany and present the Nazis with a temptation they could not resist. It can be assumed, however, that if the Nazis wanted British uniforms as a means of facilitating invasion, they would have no great difficulty in manufacturing possible imitations. Their genius in ersatz production is well known, and the copying of a uniform—any uniform—and its manufacture in bulk, would seem to present no insuperable difficulty.

It would be much more to the point if we set about devising means whereby the identity of possible German invaders in British uniforms could be readily established. Britain's defence plans, so complete otherwise, should not be deficient in this.

THE NEW ETHIOPIA

It was appropriate that the announcement concerning the attitude of the British Government to the future of Ethiopia should have been made by Mr. Eden, who has so consistently striven through recent years of international difficulty to maintain the rights of the Emperor and his people in the face of Italian aggression.

The statement should remove all doubts. Britain has no territorial designs on Abyssinia, but intends to free the country from the invader. Haile Selassie, for his part, is anxious that when restored to the throne he should have the advice and guidance of progressive countries in developing the destinies of his people.

The Emperor is known to have been working for the abolition of slavery in his dominions before the Italian aggression. When the country is freed it will enter upon a new life. There will be difficulties, when so much intractable human material has to be dealt with, but Ethiopia must be guarded against retrogression.

BRAZIL TO ACT FOR ITALY

VICRY, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Brazil has been asked to take care of Italy's interests in Yugo-Slavia according to a Rio de Janeiro telegram.

CHINESE SAPPERS INSPECTED



Chinese members of the Royal Engineers presented a smart turn-out this morning at Murray Parade Ground when they were inspected by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Far East. Picture shows the C-in-C., in company with the G.O.C., Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, chatting with a Sapper. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

WELL PLANNED RETREAT

British Tactics in Cirenaica
Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day stated that British troops are in contact with the enemy in the Gebel-Akhdar region, outside of Benghazi. The British are engaged in a "well planned and orderly withdrawal" and are not retiring under pressure.

To-day's R.A.F. communique revealed that an enemy transport at El Aghaila, Cirenaica, was severely bombed last Saturday night. "On the same night, the aerodrome at Calato, Rhodes, was raided but the full results could not be observed."

The spokesman announced that Free French forces have contacted the enemy outside Massawa. The Italians are believed to be sabotaging objects of military value at Massawa. He added, "The Abyssinian campaign is progressing most satisfactorily and might be over within a few days."

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (UP).—To-day's general headquarters communique states that the British withdrawal in Libya has been resumed in the face of strong Italian and German forces. Debra Marcos has been occupied by Abyssinian patrol forces.

IRAQ COUP

Regent Broadcast
Appeal To People

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—A call to the Iraqi people to reject the Prime Minister, Rashid el Gailani, who seized power by a coup d'etat last week, has been broadcast by the Regent of Iraq, who has arrived in Basra.

The Regent, Emir Abdul Ilan, was obliged to leave the capital after his residence was surrounded by Rashid's troops.

It is recalled that yesterday Rashid declared that his Government would adhere to the country's international obligations, particularly to the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

Arrests Made
VICRY, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—According to a message from Damascus, Rashid has not yet succeeded in forming a Ministry.

Members of the former government, together with other politicians, have fled Baghdad for an unknown destination.

Many arrests have been made throughout the country.

Nanking Threatens Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The decision to release 128 employees of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications, who were arrested recently as hostages against further bombing acts against Nanking officials and institutions, is announced by Wang Ching-wei's Ministry of Police.

The decision is said to be prompted by "repeated requests from responsible authorities of the two banks and other leaders of local banking circles."

The announcement hopes that the "authorities of the foreign-controlled areas will co-operate in the task of stamping out the 'violent acts of the Chungking terrorists because we are determined to take drastic measures to deal with these terrorist activities. If the Chungking agents continue to use the foreign-controlled areas as a base for their criminal activities, we shall be forced to take effective measures to liquidate the situation."

WE BREAK WITH HUNGARY

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The British Government have decided to withdraw their mission from Budapest, "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns. The instruction to the British Minister, Mr. Owen O'Malley to withdraw the mission is being given in consequence of the fact that Hungary has now become a base for operations against the Allies.

"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent understands that M. Barcza, the Hungarian Minister, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon and was informed of the decision taken by the British Government.

Appeal To Duce

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The new Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr. Laslo de Bardossy, has sent a telegram to Mussolini asking for his "precious support" in the task that he has undertaken, it is stated in Rome.

Greece Follows Suit

NEW YORK, 7 (UP).—A B.B.C. broadcast heard in New York stated that Greece has severed diplomatic relations with Hungary and Bulgaria because they allowed their territory to be used for a German attack on Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

New York also intercepted the official German radio which asserted that an American-made "Martin" bomber flew over Reich territory on the southeast front in an air raid to-day.

R. A. F. Raids In Near East

Transport Punished

CAIRO, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—British aircraft made heavy attacks on Italian and German transport in the region of Agheila in Cirenaica on Saturday night.

Before Addis Ababa was captured, South African bombers made a nearby aerodrome unserviceable to the enemy.

In an attack carried out on Saturday, says a Middle East communique, five Italian Savoia machines and three Capronis were burnt out and a number of others were badly damaged.

On Sunday enemy aircraft at Kom-bolcha near Dessie were destroyed and a number of others severely damaged.

In Estifra, Free French aircraft continued to give active support to advancing troops.

The aerodrome at Calato on the Island of Rhodes was raided on Saturday night.

South Africans
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NAIROBI, Apr. 7 (UP).—A communique states that South African fighters on April 6 attacked enemy aircraft at Komolcha near Dessie and destroyed three C-42s, three CR-32s and two Savoias as well as damaging one reconnaissance aircraft, six fighters and one bomber.

SWABUE RETAKEN

Japanese Return
To Warships

SHIUKWAN, Apr. 7 (Central News).—Swabue, important coastal town in south-east Kwangtung, south of Hoifung, was recaptured by the Chinese on April 4.

The Japanese returned to their warships.

In West Hupeh

WEST HUPEH, Apr. 7 (Central News).—Stealing a march across the Yangtse at dawn on April 6, a Chinese mobile column attacked the rear of the Japanese at Chingchow and Shasi on the east bank of the river.

A clash with a Japanese detachment of about 1,000 men in the vicinity of Shihfangpu south of Kienyangyi caused the Japanese to flee to Chingchow. The Chinese destroyed 18 Japanese armoured trucks and captured three light machine guns and dozens of rifles. Some important documents were also seized.

Officers Captured

Two Japanese officers named Kido and Hasegawa were recently taken captive by the Chinese during a raid on Tsinchinglin on the west bank of the Yangtse opposite Ichang, where the Japanese were holding a memorial service for the late General Murai, a detachment commander, who was killed in action on March 21 during an engagement at Wulung. The two prisoners are being examined by Chinese military authorities.

Anyi And Nanchang

SHANGKAO, Apr. 7 (Central News).—The Chinese are continuing their advance on Anyi and Nanchang, meeting with little opposition. The Japanese communication line between Changkungtu and Anyi has been severed by the destruction of several bridges. Three Japanese munition depots at Changkungtu were set on fire and burned down.

Matsuoka Interviews Stalin

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, visited the Kremlin this afternoon to resume conversations with M. Stalin and M. Molotov, says a Moscow dispatch to the official German news agency.

Believes In Axis

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—"My visit has served to strengthen my belief in the victory of the Axis Powers and the successful establishment of a new World Order," says Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a farewell message to the German and Italian people on leaving German territory.

The Japanese Foreign Minister expresses "sincere satisfaction" at his reception and cordial thanks to the "friendly and helpful" German Ministers and leading men of both nations for their "friendliness, amiability and thoughtful hospitality."

Suez Canal Objective

Ultimate Nazi Aim

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—A suggestion that the German offensive in the Balkans is ultimately aimed at the Suez Canal is made by the "Stockholm Tidningen," whose military correspondent says that although the Germans were fully prepared for an attack on Greece they had probably not completed preparations for an attack on Yugo-Slavia.

They are thus likely to seek to prevent the massing of troops by Yugo-Slavia by violent air operations while completing their own troop concentrations.

The military correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" believes that the German offensive was motivated by the uncertainty of Turkey's attitude and British landings in Greece.

The correspondent expects that the Germans will first exert all efforts to prevent British, Greek and Yugo-Slav forces from joining up while engaging the Yugo-Slavs to prevent them from attacking the Italians in Albania.

U. S. Strike Postponed

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The strike in the United States Corporation mills, announced for mid-night to-morrow, has been called off. Both sides have agreed to continue negotiations on the men's demand for a wage increase.

Ford's Position

NEW YORK, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The prospects of a settlement of the strike at Ford's automobile River Rouge factory are brighter after the Labour Board's order to-day calling for elections to be held within 45 days to give employees at the Ford plants at Detroit and Dearborn select collective bargaining agents.

A further good sign is the possibility that the first joint meeting between the Company's representatives and representatives of the Auto mobile Workers' section of the C.I.O. (which called the present strike) will be held to-day.

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CHAPTER II

THE young man continued earnestly: "I saw you first on the dock at Southampton! How sad those people were when they said goodbye to you! I was sad for them, I don't know why! That little girl, how bitterly she wept!"

"I'd been her governess for five years!"

When the lonely traveller was about to leave the swaying deck and go inside, the stranger implored her to stay with such bluff honesty that she hadn't the heart to refuse.

"I'm an American," he went on, "from Massachusetts. My name is Field—Henry Field—there's a Martin in the middle. Oh, yes, and I've read in front of me. I'm not a full-fledged minister yet. Just now I am broadening myself with some travel. I don't suppose a little broadening will hurt a minister, do you?"

She liked him in spite of herself, though when the boat docked she said goodbye without consenting to give him her name, and walked away as impersonally as though they'd never met, leaving him deeply perplexed.

Having reached the imposing home of the Duke de Duchesse de France to whom she had letters of introduction—the governess followed the liveried servant along many shadowy corridors, passing on the way the smiling Abbe Galarin in the black robes of his calling. She was finally ushered into a vast chamber where, swathed in silks and laces, on a chaise longue, lay a young lady, her head on the foot of the bed, her face pale and her eyes closed. The Duke, a handsome man, who had evidently again come out second in a worldly encounter with his exasperating spouse, soon saw, and walked away as impersonally as though they'd never met, leaving him deeply perplexed.

"We require a governess, Mlle. Desportes," he began, abruptly, "to take full charge of the children! I'm afraid you'll find them quite a handful. The three girls are at the awkward ages between seven and eleven. Then there's a boy who was born some years later." The Duke's eyes had grown strangely tender. "Raynald his name is—he's not quite four—a bright little fellow—dark like their mother. Raynald is sensitive like me," sighed the Duchess, gazing at her husband accusingly. "For years before he was born I was made ill and unhappy and he will always bear the marks of my suffering!"

The Duke gave the fire an impatient kick and at the moment, Mlle. Mallard, whose place Mlle. Duchesse was to fill, arrived with the children. Raynald and blonde little Berthe came first, followed by Louise and Isabelle, adolescent and dark like their mother. All were excited and Raynald, in overflowing emotion, plucked a blossom from his mother's favourite cyclamen. For this misdeed, Mlle. Mallard slapped him cruelly and forbade him his supper. "It was for the new Made-moiselle," he wailed, "because she had pink ribbons in her hair!"

The Duchess put her bony, bejewelled hands to her head. "For heaven's sake, Mallard," she cried, "let him give it to this new person! And take the children out, all of them, when they were gone she turned to her husband with narrowed eyes. "Everyone in this house knows, Theobald," she cried maniacally, "that you're a liar! In humiliating me and your children!"

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FREE FRENCH May Fight In Balkans

ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, declared in an interview that he might go to the Balkans.

After lunching aboard the British battleship Warspite, he said: "I have reason to hope that Free France will participate in the battle in the Balkans and it is possible that I may go there. Frankly, I believe that the German effort in the Balkans will be considerable and formidable in every way, but I remain convinced that the Balkan countries, which have chosen to resist, will not regret it."

British Budget Brings New Tax Paying Class: Less Spending

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the income tax rate would be increased to ten shillings in the pound.

The House of Commons was well-filled for Sir Kingsley's Budget Speech, and the Chancellor was cheered when he entered the House. A number of peers and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, were present.

The Chancellor said that he would make proposals which would not only enable us to surmount immediate difficulty but would ensure that we continue to maintain our national finances on sound lines so that we would be able, when the time came, to pursue measures of reconstruction and social advance.

The British financial front stood firm and strong. The steps taken to stimulate exports drastically and to reduce non-essential imports certainly had been successful.

Our system of exchange control under the mobilisation of dollar securities had enabled us to meet the very heavy drain upon our resources of gold dollars and we now had an assurance, by reason of the great contribution America was making in the Lease and Lend Act, that no difficulty in financing purchases from the United States, would hamper the full development of our fighting strength.

The control of capital issues in the domestic market had been of great value in securing the best possible conditions for the success of Government loans.

All these measures combined enabled us to borrow at a very low rate of interest, averaging below two per cent.

"We have no intention of borrowing on worse terms than the war proceeds. We shall hope to improve upon them." (Cheers).

Post War Debt

All this meant that the aggravation of our post-war financial problem by the burden of the War Debt, though it was bound to be grievous, would be correspondingly less and we should also avoid the evils incurred after 1918 of starting a period post-war expansion and recovery with a rate of interest which, in the long run, was so embarrassing and often crushing to the borrower.

The maintenance of a low rate of interest would do much to ease the financial problem of rebuilding our cities after the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood added that we had taken many steps to eliminate war fortunes.

Referring to the "many difficulties and problems inherent in the most expensive war in history," the Chancellor remarked that the danger we had to control was that of being flooded out by a torrent of excess purchasing power fed by the spring of wartime government expenditure. That was the function of finance.

A solution of the problem would be impossible unless it was eased by withholding a substantial part of the surplus purchasing power through the instrument of taxation.

Free Gifts

Dealing with details of last year's account, the Chancellor thanked the tax-payers who had responded so readily to his appeal for prompt payment of taxes and also those at home and overseas who had patriotically helped with a steady flow of free gifts to the Exchequer.

The purchase tax yielded some £20,000,000. Its administration had worked quite smoothly.

Towards the total expenditure of £3,884,000,000, we received a total revenue of £1,409,000,000, leaving a deficiency of £2,475,000,000 to be found by other means.

A net sum of £2,402,000,000 was borrowed during the year.

The hard and severe financial measures brought benefits because they avoided, for the mass of the people, the evil effects of unchecked inflation.

Hitherto, increases in taxation had not fallen short of the necessities of the case. There had been no inflationary dangers in our system up to the present.

Lease & Lend Act

Referring to the future, the Chancellor said that a new and important factor was introduced by the Lease and Lend Act. He could not estimate the value of supplies to be received from the United States.

He estimated the vote credit required, excluding supplies from and payments to the United States, at £3,500,000,000.

The estimated total expenditure was £4,207,000,000. The estimated yield in income tax for the current year was £2,005,000,000 (an increase of £81,000,000), a surtax of £250,000,000, death duties of £25,000,000, stamp duties of £14,000,000, excess profits tax of £210,000,000.

The total estimate of inland revenue; duties on the existing basis of taxation was £2,992,000,000; Customs and excise of £278,000,000; and purchase tax of £270,000,000.

The total estimated revenue for 1940-41 on the existing basis of taxation was £3,540,000,000.

The House tax was renewed for a further four years, the medicine and stamp duties repealed from September 2 and new medicine and stamp duties legislation would be introduced.

Allowances

The Finance Bill includes a clause providing for the purposes of income tax and national defence contributions a similar allowance to that provided for the purpose of the excess profits tax in respect of losses incurred in providing additional buildings, plant and machinery for the war effort.

The Chancellor foreshadowed a modification of the excess profits tax but could not now afford any considerable changes. Part of the tax would be held by the Exchequer to be made available to industry at the end of the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood estimated that private savings for the current year totalled £1,000,000,000 in addition to £1,630,000,000 from revenue. He estimated that domestic expenditure would be £3,700,000,000, leaving a gap of £500,000,000 to be filled.

The Exchequer would bear a considerably increased burden to prevent an increase in the cost of living, in the form of an increase in the shipping rates and insurance.

The policy of stabilising prices would continue to be extended. The scheme included coal, gas and electricity charges. The aim was to hold wages about where they are now.

New Savings

Turning to the question of filling the £500,000,000 gap, Sir Kingsley Wood said that he needed a still greater sum from genuine new savings and urged the people to spend as little as possible and to lend as much as possible.

New private savings were estimated to produce between £200,000,000 and £300,000,000.

The new taxation was estimated to produce £205,000,000 in a full year.

The income tax rate would be increased by 1d. to 10s. 6d.

The 5s. rate on the lower scale would be increased to 6s. 6d.

On the largest incomes, the income tax and super tax would be 10s. 6d. in the pound.

The income tax yield this year would be £205,000,000, in a full year £125,000,000.

Exemption Limit

The earned income allowance deduction now one-sixth would be one-tenth. Personal allowance of £170 for a married person would be reduced to £140.

The exemption limit for income tax would be £110 instead of £120. This would increase the number of income tax payers by over 2,000,000.

The extra tax any individual paid by reason of the reduction of personal allowance and earned income allowance would be set-off after the war by credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole income tax proposals would produce £150,000,000 this year and in a full year £250,000,000, half of which would be treated as credit.

A full year would produce £1,000,000,000 from taxation.

Soviet Reporting Of Balkan War

MOSCOW, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The strong resistance encountered by the Germans, especially in the Struma Valley, was emphasised by the Moscow wireless in a broadcast for home consumption.

Commenting upon the military situation created by the German attacks on Yugoslavia and Greece, the Moscow announcer, in the main, confined himself to giving briefly the

JAPANESE PLANES

Discouraging View Of British Critic

WASHINGTON, (By Clipper to Central News).—"The Japanese have not one home-built warplane that could stand up for three minutes to a frontline equivalent from the United States, Britain, Germany, Italy or Russia," in the opinion of Capt. H. C. Blard, British air ace.

Capt. Blard, who has made a study of the growth of air power in the leading countries for the last 30 years, said that the best of the Japanese planes is only of "half-breed."

"The Aichi flying boat is claimed by the Japanese press to be able to blot out anyone who offers opposition to the 'New Order' in Eastern Asia. The Aichi is Japanese-built, but powered with French Lorraine which are good of their kind but would look like yesterday's beer against the British Sunderland or the American Curtiss-Wright flying boats."

Good In China Only

"The Kawasaki 94's are also powered with Lorraine. They are good stuff for war in China but cannot work against the front-line deck-fighters, eight-gun landplanes or the 'Chicago Piano' armaments of big power battleships."

"The Kawanishi 92 is a very big boat with three 500-horse power engines. The engines are imported. This machine carries six men and a heavy bomb-load, but it is not fast as we know speed; its armament is second-class; its maneuverability is not up to modern requirements."

"The Mitsubishi Co. of Tokyo builds fighters, bombers, deck-fighters, trainers—every sort of warplane. It constructs under a number of British and American licenses; but naturally the licenses for the No. 1 defence machines do not go abroad; exportable licenses are superseded before they are sent east. During the Japanese-Chinese war, Japan has managed to import an altogether surprising quantity of British, American, German, French, Italian and other warplanes."

Orders May Come Back

"It is not for me to tell the political Moguls their jobs, but figures don't lie and there is indisputable evidence of millions of dollars' worth of aircraft going into Japan every year from countries that may one day find those aircraft coming back with bombs aboard. They will probably be shot down because they are semi-obsolete types."

"The Nakajima fighter is about the only Japanese-built and powered machine that comes into the modern war picture. It is not a Spitfire, a Lockheed-Allison or a Curtiss Hawk, but no doubt it could put up a show against certain other types. But I believe not very many Nakajimas have been produced."

"As to pilots, the Japanese does not take kindly to machinery. He is industrious, keen, as fond of his copybook as a German, but without the German pilot's dogged courage, or the British or American flyer's daredevil inspiration."

"The war in China has shown that Japanese airmen can fly well—or fight well—but they cannot do the two things at the same time. They fall down, even before the ancient Chinese warplanes, tied off the scrapheaps of half the world."

Greek, British and German communiques but he also emphasised the strong resistance the Germans were encountering.

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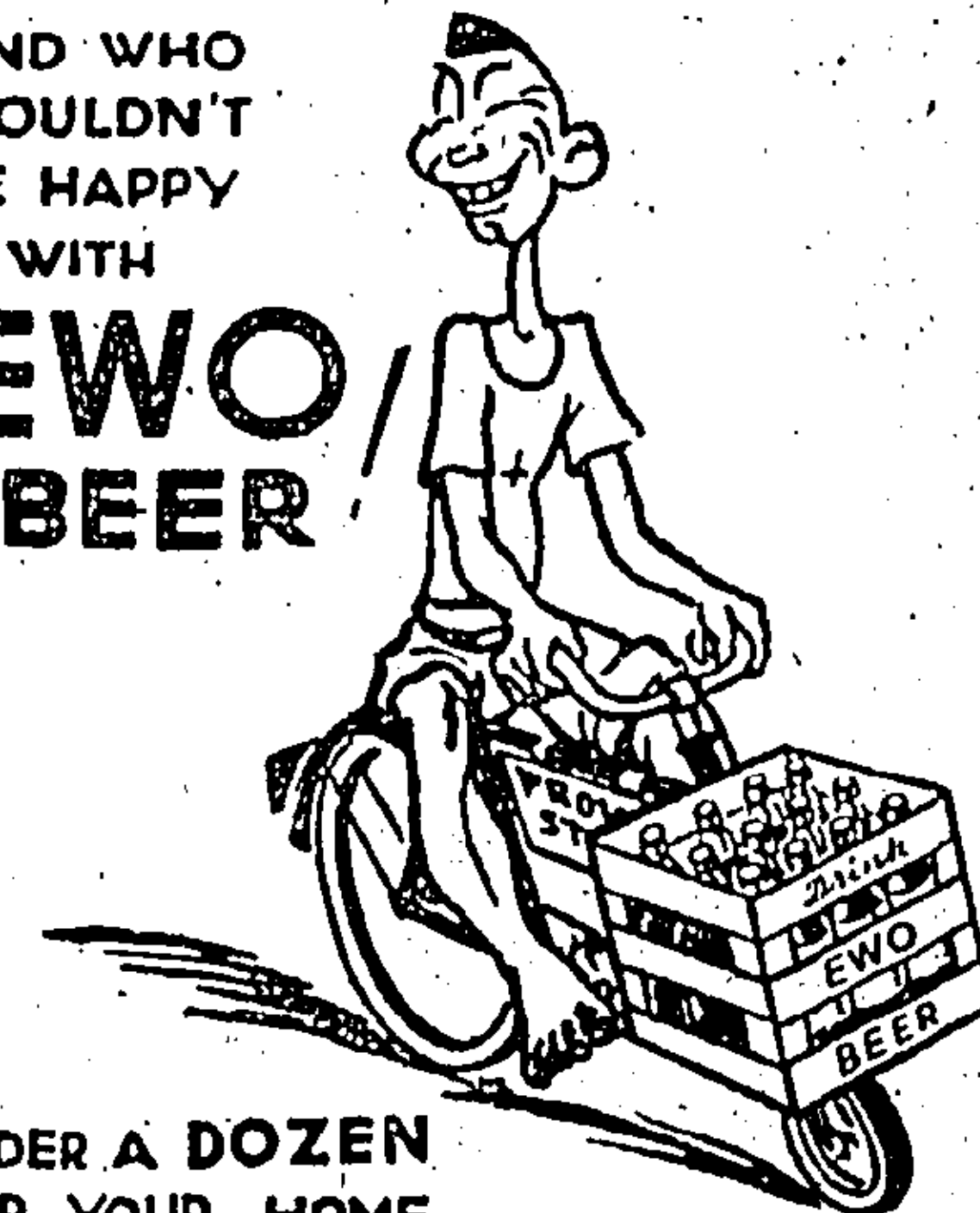
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University's Late Action

Unless I am very much mistaken, the cricket season for the Senior Division is over. The K.C.C. have won the Shield and no one can deny that they are by far the best side playing in it. And there is one other feature too to my mind, and that is, that there is more executive drive and playing keenness than in any other team. Despite delays, they stuck to it, and there was no messing about.

And that reminds me. I was personally informed by the captain of the C.S.C.C. that the previous week the University requested the Civil Service on Monday, March 24, to confirm in writing if the game on 29/3/41 between the two teams was "on". The C.S. replied in the affirmative. On Friday, March 28, I am told that the University Secretary cancelled the game in writing owing to Camp duties. A perfectly sound ground of course, but I do not quite see why these camp duties could not have been foreseen on the previous Monday! One of the immediate results was to upset all the arrangements of the Civil Service first eleven at the last moment. I am not surprised they have decided to cancel their two remaining League Matches, and call the season finished. I should strongly advise them to stop out of the League next season unless there is a very drastic change in the situation.

One must be profoundly thankful that it was possible to play cricket on Saturday last, when it was humid and very hot, though not cheerful. The K.C.C. cricket was in its usual excellent condition but a good deal of interest of the game was lost when it was realised that the C.S.C.C. had McLellan away on leave and Griffiths sailing. (It was not his fault in view of the chaotic state of the fixture list), and the C.S. have no reserves to call up. There the K.C.C. have such a pull. They have at least four men quite worth a place in the first though it is amazing how seldom they seem to have to call them up.

The Lucky Spin

Teddy Fincher won the toss—incidentally he tells me he has won the toss in all five league matches—and put the Civil Service in. It all depended on the C.S. making a good start and they did not! After hitting a lovely four through the covers off the first ball of the match, Richardson was l.b.w. to an in-swinging ball from Lloyd. He thought it was going outside the leg stump but the umpire did not agree. However, he had previously been given not out to a similar ball and Lloyd told me, unless I misunderstood him, that he felt more optimistic about his first than his second appeal.

Attwell unfortunately was in his blob, rather than his fifty incarnation, and picked a very good one from Francis Zimmern who was not, however, bowling in his best form. Lloyd, aided no doubt by the heavy atmosphere, was making the ball swing a lot and bowling well, but it was then that he had a bit of luck which may have changed the fortunes of the match. One ball got mixed up with Perry's pads and in turning to see where it was, the batsman had the misfortune to kick the ball on to his wicket. Had he stopped anything might have happened. Colledge batted better than he has done for a very long time and made 23, while Fortescue, who has been dead out of form all the season, played an excellent defensive knock, although he only got fifteen. It was left for Hawkins to make top score with a gallant 27, but no one else did anything.

Excellent Bowling

A total of 94 was not likely to bother the K.C.C. but Baker and Perry bowled very well. Time and again Anderson played at the former, and was lucky enough not to touch the ball. Baker might well have had two or three "caught at the wicket" apart from a couple "mistakenly bowled". Perry bowled excellently with one exception; he has a knack of chucking up his in-swinging so that it lands a half volley on the batsman's legs and is a gift for four to leg.

Most of the runs taken off his bowling went almost to exactly the same place, about 10 yards in front of square-leg. I chipped Dicky Richardson after the match for not having moved his long on round to cover this obvious gap, but he told me that Perry wanted to keep long-on where he was as he was trying to get them to "lift one there". I think this was unwise with most of the batsmen who were getting runs were hitting to mid-wicket, and possibly he should have had two men on the leg side. Admittedly, Anderson was caught at long-on, but it was the only ball that went up there at all.

I am coming to the conclusion that one of the reasons for Perry failing to obtain the figures he should do is that he cannot control his swing, and the moment he sends up a ball on the stick it goes right away and



Smiling faces on the Civil Service and Kowloon cricketers as they adjourn for the tea during the League match at the K.C.C. on Saturday that gave the home side the Senior Championship.—Ming Yuen.

Tournament Tennis

Rumjahn Cousins In Doubles Semi-finals

THE RUMJAHN COUSINS, S.A. and H.D., entered the semi-finals of the Colony Doubles Tennis Championship at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they beat George Choa and A. V. Remedios in three sets, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

This was the only Open match played, and a fair crowd gathered at the Stand Court. On the day's play, the winners deserved their success, though had Choa and Remedios been able to continue their form of the second set, a different story might have been told.

The standard of the opening set was below even that of the League, but in the second, volleying duels were brilliant and sustained, and in these Choa was much to the fore. His angled shots and placing when at the net were winners on almost every occasion.

H.D., too, came into his own in this set, for he was inclined to be erratic during the first and final sets. His forehand was not working with the accustomed stinging, while his volleys too frequently ended in the net.

Old Combination
BUT the combination of the Cousins was ever present, and this was one of the compensating features. S.A. was steady with his ground shots, and it was a peculiar fact that though Choa was the stronger of the opposing pair, the Rumjahns concentrated on him for the greater part of the game.

Remedios was far from settled in the first set, and though he played his part in giving assistance to Choa in the second, his ground shots did not fully work until the final set when he crossed with several fine drives that left the Rumjahns standing.

On every possible occasion, the opposing pairs stormed the net, and on the whole the volleying was far above the average.

Choa and Remedios led 4-1 in the second set, and before a determined onslaught by the Rumjahns had to concede three games in a row to level at 4-4. Then 5-4, and finally Choa and Remedios led 6-5. They had two set points and failed with astonishingly weak shots, but with their third set point, Remedios brought off one of his spectacular drives that cut through the opposition for the set.

Anticipations of a great struggle in the third set began to dissolve when the Rumjahns took the lead at 3-1. Choa and Remedios won the fifth game, and after several interesting moments of volleying, the Rumjahns took the sixth to lead 4-2.

The opposition to the champions had by now dwindled considerably, and though Remedios was still working well with his forehand, Choa seemed to have lost touch at the net and the match went to the Rumjahns.

stiffen the bowling, and ought to win the Second Division Shield on their heads. But cricket is a funny game.

Lock Comes Off
The Recreation second have been rather disappointing this year, owing to a lamentable habit of collapsing in the batting line. Before last Saturday's game, they were not at all badly placed as they had won four games out of five, and lost the other. But they could do nothing right as Happy Valley.

Lock (53) and Leonard (38) got together and collared the bowling and a total of 132 was a pretty useful one. Recreation could not look at it. The only man to score double figures was M. A. Remedios (20) and they were all out for fifty three. A. M. Omar had the excellent figures of 11-4-24-9, while U. M. Omar, Esmail and Lam kept the other end going steadily.

League Softball

Champions v. Rest On Easter Monday

(By "Ball Fan")

ELABORATE preparations are well under way to stage the "colossal softball classic" of the year on Easter Monday when two glittering exhibition games will be staged, for local ball fans, in aid of the Chinese War Orphans Relief Association.

In the opening game at 2.30 p.m., the star-studded Wildcats, Colony champions and Southard, Shield winners, will appear on the diamond for the first time as titleholders when they tackle an all-star nine picked from the rest of the clubs.

The nightcap at 3.45 p.m. will feature St. Joseph's burly ballhawk senior loop champions, against those irrepressible Mohawks, the team that has everything. The Iroquois Tribe were edged out of the championship this year, but are considered by many to be the "team of teams" here in South China.

Featuring a dazzling infield combination and a fleet-footed outfield that is the class in local softball circles, the Five Nation tomahawk-wielders are expected to prove before the gashouse faithful their ball playing superiority over Dave Leonard's champion ballhawking Saints.

A capacity crowd is expected to stream into the Kowloon ball park for this all-star charity doubleheader and tickets will probably go on sale late this afternoon.

In connection with this holiday programme, a meeting of the representatives of all softball teams in Hongkong will be held at the Club Lusitano this afternoon at 5 p.m. Club representatives please note.

Golf

Craig Wood Wins Annual Masters Tournament

ATLANTA, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Craig Wood, with an aggregate of 280 for 72 holes, won the Annual Masters Golf Tournament today. Byron Nelson was second with 285, Sam Byrd third with 285 and Ben Hogan fourth with 286. Lawson Little, the present American Open Champion, finished with 290.

Wood's first round of 66 was the best in the Tournament, being six under par.

Captain's Cup At Fanling

Results of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held during the week-end were: Old Course, J. Linaker 68-18=73 (21 entries); New Course, R. M. Wood 67-18=71 (19 entries).

Matches Postponed

The matches in the first round of the women's Badminton doubles which were to have been played on Thursday have been postponed until after the Easter holidays, owing to the indisposition of one of the players.

Badminton Championship Matches To-night

MATCHES in the Badminton Championships to-night will be at the Kowloon C.C. and the programme is as follows:

7.45 p.m. N. Smith v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).
8.15 p.m. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chui (Junior Doubles).

8.45 p.m. M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (Senior Doubles).
9.30 p.m. H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (Senior Doubles).

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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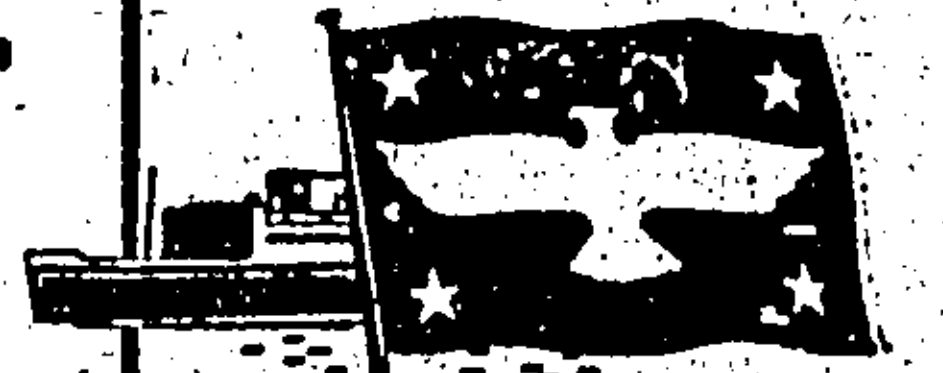
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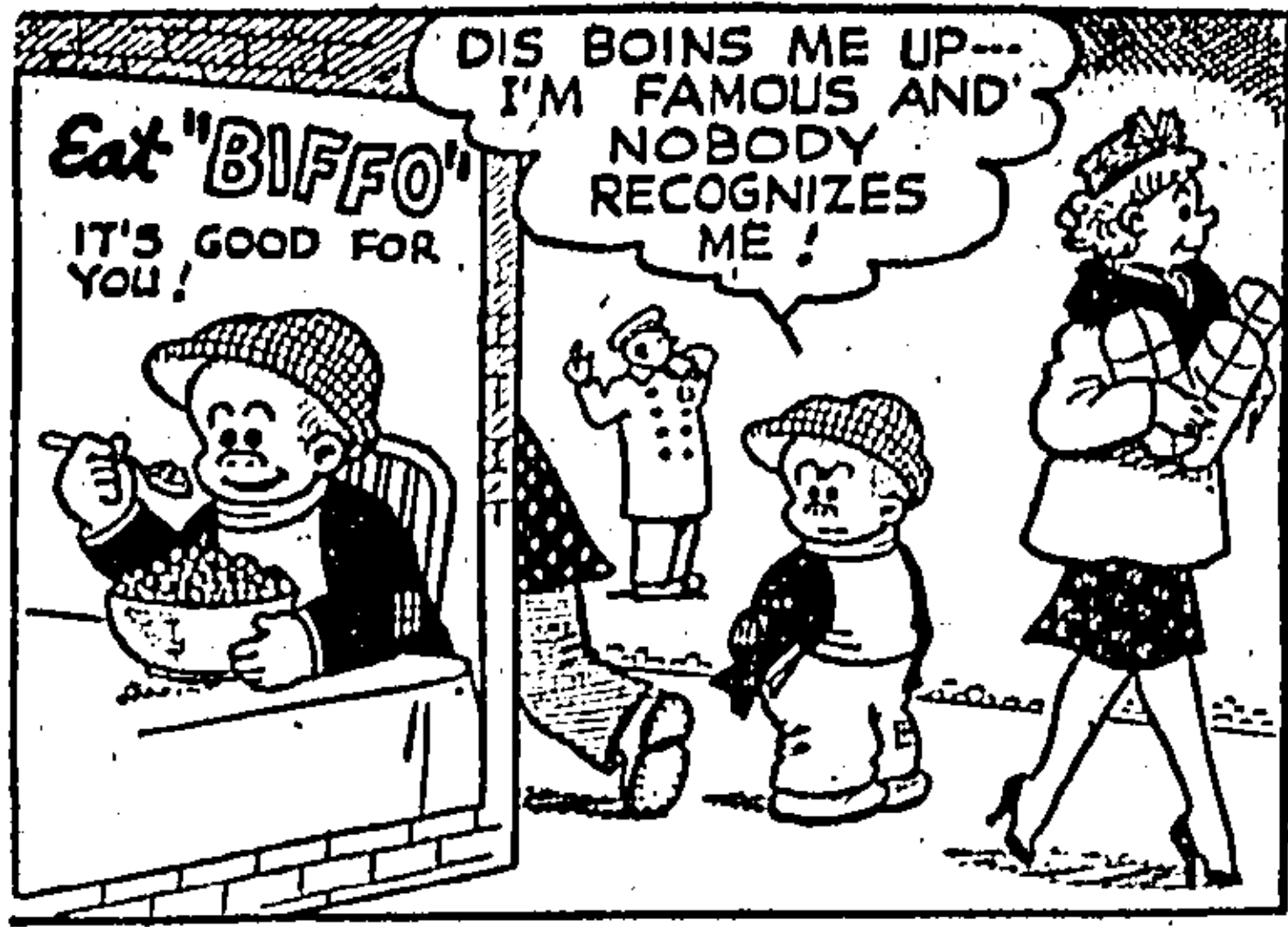
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Norway's Powerful Aid To Allied War Effort

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Details of Norway's war effort in the common fight against Nazi aggression were given by Dr Trygve Lie, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, at a luncheon in honour of Mr Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, United States envoy to the exiled governments of Norway, Poland, Holland and Belgium to-day.

Dr Lie said: "Immediately after the Nazi invasion, a military mission was established in London to enrol Norwegians for military training. Beside resident Norwegians, there were several thousand Norwegian whalers and over 25,000 Norwegian seamen in the merchant fleet. "Numerous soldiers and several warships reached England and the total manpower was therefore quite appreciable. Volunteers have continued to enrol from all parts of the world. Norwegian troops who have been trained in Scotland will participate in the war whenever required. "A detachment from a Scottish camp participated in the Anglo-Norwegian Lofoten expedition. Another Norwegian detachment was established last autumn in Iceland, where they are defending, side by side with their British and Canadian allies an Atlantic outpost which might be used as a jumping off place against other democratic countries.

At Sea

"Norwegian naval forces have been considerably strengthened and Norwegian warships, flying the national flag under Norwegian command, have been placed under the operational command of the British Admiralty. The Norwegian Navy so far has taken over four American destroyers. A large number of Norwegian armed whaling vessels are now engaged in patrolling and conveying."

The Foreign Minister finally referred to the Norwegian merchant fleet amounting to nearly 5,000,000

Anti-U.S. Posters In Italy

Taking Over Of Ships SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 7 (UP).—Anti-United States posters appeared on the streets of Rome for the first time in history this morning, labelled "Gangsters" and depicting a black claw labelled "U.S.A." grabbing a handful of Italian ships.

Similar anti-British posters have been plastered over Milan, Turin and Naples as well as Rome.

RUMANIA PROTESTS—Alleged Bombing By Yugo-Slavs

BUCHAREST, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—It is confirmed here that Rumania has protested to Yugo-Slavia against alleged attacks by Yugo-Slav aircraft on three Rumanian towns.

An official communique announcing this step says: "Although the Rumanian Government has not committed Rumania in any way in the hostilities with Yugo-Slavia, on whose territory Rumania has Rumanian nationals to defend, the Yugo-Slav Air Force bombed Rumanian territory on April 6 at Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara, killing three people, injuring three others and causing some damage."

Formal Protest

"The Rumanian Government has addressed a formal protest to the Yugo-Slav Government."

"General Antonescu assures the population that all measures for maintaining security and order have been taken. Such grave and disloyal actions can in no way upset the conduct of the Rumanian Government. That, however, does not mean that anyone has the liberty to harm the honour and rights of Rumania."

Absence of Confirmation

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—The reports of bombing of towns in Bulgaria and Rumania by Yugo-Slav planes emanate from Axis or Axis-controlled countries, it is pointed out in London, and in the absence of any confirmation from the British press of Yugo-Slav sources, they should be received with the utmost reserve.

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham Inspects Chinese Sappers

An inspection of the Chinese Sappers was made by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Far East, at the Murray Parade Ground this morning.

Sir Robert arrived on the ground accompanied by Major-General A. E. Grusset, G.O.C., and others present included Brigadier A. Peffer, Colonel E. H. M. Clifford, Lieut-Col R. G. Lamb, Captain H. C. Cartwright-Taylor and Major R. E. Moody.

Captain C. E. Olway was in charge of the parade, which comprised 110 men.

After the men had been put through their paces, they marched past with Sir Robert taking the salute. A hollow square was then formed, and Sir Robert congratulated the men on their excellent display.

Sir Robert recalled the fact that he had heard a very long time ago that Chinese were joining the Royal Engineers, and he had been very glad to hear of it. He was sure that the men would carry on the tradition of loyalty and service in peace or in war—a tradition established by their predecessors. Sir Robert concluded by wishing the Corps the very best of luck.

NAZI AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Two German aircraft were destroyed by British fighters, one off the Suffolk coast and the other near Cap Gris Nez to-day, says the Air Ministry. There has been little activity over Britain. No bombs were dropped on land.

Yugo-Slavia—Soviet Treaty

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—"Encouraging" was the comment of Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, on the Russo-Yugo-Slav Pact to-day.

He also commented at the press conference on the increasing number of nations becoming acutely aware of the world nature of the movement for the conquest of people by force.

This is the second recent favourable comment on Russia's attitude by a high State Department official, the Assistant Secretary, Mr Sumner Welles, having a few days ago applauded Russia's declaration of neutrality if Turkey were attacked.

WHEAT FOR EIRE Purchases In America

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (Reuter).—Thirty thousand tons of wheat have been bought by the Eirean Government from the United States said the Eire Defence Minister, Mr Frank Aitken, who is here at present.

With the Eire Minister to the United States, Mr Brennan, Mr Aitken to-day visited President Roosevelt.

In a subsequent interview, Mr Aitken said that Eire desired to buy American products, including wheat. The supply of arms to Eire is stated to have also been discussed.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Political Deadlock

NEW DELHI, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the spokesman at the recent Bombay conference held to solve the political deadlock in India, interviewed the Viceroy for two hours to-day and placed before the Viceroy a memorandum drawn by the Standing Committee of the Conference.

Punjab Fighter Squadron
LAHORE, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—With the approval of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, it has been decided to form a special squadron of fighter planes, known as the Punjab Fighter Squadron.

It will be a permanent part of the Royal Air Force and will consist of 20 fighter planes to begin with.

It will be formed from Punjab's contributions.

Burma Trade Agreement
NEW DELHI, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—It is learned that the only immediate action which the Raj proposes to take under the new Indo-Burma Trade Agreement is to remove the 11 1/2 pils preference which kerosene from Burma enjoys in India over foreign kerosene.

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R. A. F. Plays Important Part

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outside world between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. nightly as a military measure.

Government Moves
LONDON, Apr. 7 (Reuters).—The Yugo-Slav Government with General Simovich has gone to Branic and Catak, sixty miles south of Belgrade, claims the German radio, quoting as authority the Sofia correspondent of an Italian newspaper.

Greek Forts Fall
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 7 (UP).—Radio Athens, broadcasting a Greek High Command communiqué said that the Greek army had held its ground on the Bulgarian frontier, but the Isthmia Fort and another one in the Struma Valley had been captured by the enemy.

Intensive enemy attacks had been repelled in the Rupel Pass, while on the height of Nevrokop the Germans had penetrated Fort Terzari, but that "after a struggle inside the German attackers had been decimated and the fort was again in Greek hands."

The second day of the attack by powerful German forces had been directed against the Struma Valley and the heights of Nevrokop with the same violent intensity. The communiqué revealed that Fort Lisce was attacked by numerous German tanks of which many had been destroyed by Greek artillery.

Fifth Belgrade Raid
LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuters).—German aircraft yesterday carried out their fifth air raid on Belgrade since the German-Yugo-Slav hostilities began, the German radio announced last night.

How Addis Ababa Fell To British

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Hitherto, under Manchukuo foreign exchange control regulations, ordinary workers have been unable to send more than Yuan 60 a month per capita while the maximum for a special technician has been fixed at Yuan 120. The restrictions have brought about difficulties in recruiting labour from North China because of the difficulties of sending remittances to labour families in North China. An agreement removing the restrictions has recently been reached between the authorities of Manchukuo and North China.

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